


THE CROSSBEAM

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2021



Drive Up Ashes
February 17th
5pm-6pm

LENT BEGINS
February 17th
Ash Wednesday
Lenten Worship @ 6:30 PM

Worship each Wednesday during Lent
In Person and Online

Wagner's Flower Sale
February 7—March 21



Bread Pick Up
Wednesdays during Lent from 5-6pm
Participate in Lent by buying bread, baking bread or picking up a slice from CCLC. We will use the bread for communion each Wednesday. See pages 4-5 for more information.




3rd Grade First Communion Class!
February 24,
March 3, 10
at 5:30pm



FOR HEALTH & WELL-BEING:

Members:

- Dave Docter
- Claudia Winkler
- Barb Waletzko
- Thea Straka
- Mark Welken
- Ryan Van Riper
- Gary Warnberg



Friends and family of members:

- Brandon Hempel, grandson of Chuck and Sue Metsala
- Daniel Gaudette, friend of Patrick Ouellette
- Anna Straka, father of Nate Straka
- Mike and Vicki Ryan, friends of Ron and Pat Nelson
- Ozzie Pieper, friend of Rita Docter
- Heidi Hoehn-Low, daughter of Gordy and Nancy Hoehn
- Kristin Kolkman, daughter of Dick and Elaine Kolkman
- Gail Wallace, cousin of Pat Nelson
- Tom Flackoy, brother of Heidi Hendrickson
- Amy Stensrud, friend of Sandy Knight
- Terry Holston, nephew of Norma Monson

THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING

- Cindy Drury, niece of Marge Oleson
- Leigh Larson, son of Lois Larson

IN SYMPATHY, FOR COMFORT:

- Amy Sevig and family on death of her grandmother, Dee Mattson
- Sandy Shultz and family on the death of her cousin, Sue Knudsen
- Stu Nelson and family on the death of his brother, Steve

Again I ask everyone who is on the prayer list, or who has requested someone be placed on the prayer list, that you notify me at parishnurse@cclcmn.org when we are able to remove names from the list

**CCLC members Celebrating February Birthdays**

Dan Walker	Claire Flood
Mark Dokken	Gary Johnson
Eric Geesaman	Matthew Ouellet
Charlotte Holland	Olivia Powers
Axel Wabs	Andy McGrath
Sophie Ouellet	Jody Hansen
Jane Hansen	Norma Monson
Lois Rue	Josie Burfeind
Bruce Lindberg	Ariana Hendrickson
Terri Kruger	Lindsey Brown
Kiersten Renstrom	Jeff Nygren
Olivia Flood	Peter Ross
Adalyta Schouten	Calvin Brown
Grace Hartmann	Dave Larson
Elise Burfeind	

CCLC members Celebrating March Birthdays

Jody Walsh	Alex Wobbema
Samuel Brown	Charlie Eklund
Asher Wabs	Ron Nelson
Gary Rue	Isak Sevig
Cecilee Christopher	Roger Aronson
Blake Dokken	Caroline Harkner
Annabelle Holland	Sophia Baroun
Dan Tommingo	Saoirse Schouten
Amy Eklund	Claire McCoy
Eric Nygren	Hans Hover
Kasie Onken	George Peoples
Prizah Ponnusamy	Terry Peterson
Claudia Winkler	Eliza Huther
Zaira Blackburn	Louise Tjernagel
Sandy Smith	

If you would prefer that your name is not listed in the Crossbeam with the monthly birthdays, please notify the office at Office@cclcmn.org or 952-941-1247.

Financial Information

Through December, 2020	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$463,999	\$412,686	\$412,686
General Fund Expenses	(463,999)	(412,686)	(412,686)
General Fund Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dedicated Mortgage Fund Balance-Jan 1, 2019	\$17,482	\$17,482	\$17,482
Receipts	160,611	166,000	166,000
Mortgage Expenses	(165,787)	(166,000)	(166,000)
Dedicated Mortgage Fund Balance	\$12,306	\$17,482	\$17,482

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER				
	Traditional		Contemporary	
	In Person	Online Views	In Person	Online Views
November 1	47	143	31	36
November 8	43	114	50	37
November 15	36	85	35	31
November 22	33	99	16	39
Thanksgiving Eve		165		
November 29	42	124	NA	NA

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN DECEMBER				
	Traditional		Contemporary	
	In Person	Online Views	In Person	Online Views
December 6	30	111	13	52
December 13	41	95	22	34
December 20	35	83	22	36
December 27	Online Concordia College Worship			
	Online Festival Worship		8pm Parking Lot Worship	
			In person	Online Views
Christmas Eve	160		80	98



Lent 2021: “Bread for the Journey”

Many people have summarized their pandemic experience as a “lost year.” Much has been lost or missed due to an abundance of caution and a need for social distancing. Although more and more people are getting vaccinated by the week, and there is increasing hope for the return of a more normal life, we are still not quite at that point in the journey. Unfortunately, this means we will now have to forego our traditional “Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Suppers” at CCLC during this season of Lent. However, even though we are not able to enjoy a meal and fellowship in person this year, we will still be able to “break bread together.”

Bread is present throughout the pages of the Bible, but especially at key times of salvation history—our Savior Jesus even refers to himself as “The Bread of Life.” As we gather for Wednesday evening Lenten worship this year, our theme will be “Bread for the Journey.” We will eat bread, and we will be fed the Bread of Life. Each week we will sample a different flavor of bread related to a different Bible passage. Worship will be available in-person and livestreamed, and you can either receive a piece of bread from church, buy the suggested bread from your favorite bakery, or use the suggested recipe to bake your own loaf at home.

Ash Wednesday, February 17— “Bread for the Journey”

- Genesis 3:17-19
- Bread— “Farmer’s Wheat” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://redstaryeast.com/recipes/multigrain-oatmeal-bread/>

Lent 1, February 24— “Welcome Bread”

- Genesis 18:1-16
- Bread— “Honey Wheat” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://amindfullmom.com/honey-whole-wheat-bread/>

Lent 2, March 3—“Unleavened Bread”

- Exodus 12:1-11
- Bread— “Matzah (flatbread)” from your preferred grocery store.
- Recipe—<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/213682/matzah/>

Lent 3, March 10— “Daily Bread”

- Exodus 16:1-21
- Bread— “Country Butterscotch” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/pams-country-crust-bread>

Lent 4, March 18— “More Than Bread”

- Deuteronomy 8:1-18
- Bread— “Soft Raisin Cinnamon” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://www.food.com/recipe/worlds-best-cinnamon-raisin-bread-not-bread-machine-98867>

Lent 5, March 24— “Abundant Bread”

- Mark 6:30-44
- Bread— “French Peasant” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://www.girlversusdough.com/cracked-wheat-bread/>

Maundy Thursday, March 31— “Body Bread”

- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- Bread— “Pumpnickel Brick” from BreadSmith or another version of your choice.
- Recipe: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/15483/pumpnickel-rye-bread/>



Drive Up Ashes on Ash Wednesday! February 17th 5pm—6pm

If you are not attending worship in person, please stay in your car and pull up along the sidewalk by the narthex doors. Pastor Erik will come outside. Then worship with us online at 6:30pm.

**Mid-Week Lenten Service Bread Pick Up**

We will be getting bread each week from BreadSmith (the bread we usually use for our soup supper sandwiches). If you do not want to purchase your own bread or bake bread, please pick up a *slice* of bread at CCLC. We will be offering a “bread to go” for you to participate in communion while worshipping at home. Bread is provided to all who worship in person.



**Wednesdays February 17th—March 31st
5pm—6pm**

Stay in your car and pull up along the sidewalk.
We will meet you outside with the bread.



“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine”...and sometimes you have to fuel the flame!

I happened to glance over at this pile of reading material on my desk and was surprised by how well it summed up everything this job entails. My goal is to find a fun way to educate our children about their faith, and show them how to share it with the world. I can find lots of great ideas in books and on the internet, but I still need your help!

The shared wisdom and love of our congregation can help fuel the flame in our kids, and help their lights shine brighter. I think that we’ll all shine a little brighter for it, too!



Thank you to the Renstroms for providing music for online Sunday School! It was a great way to “Touch lives with the love of God”!

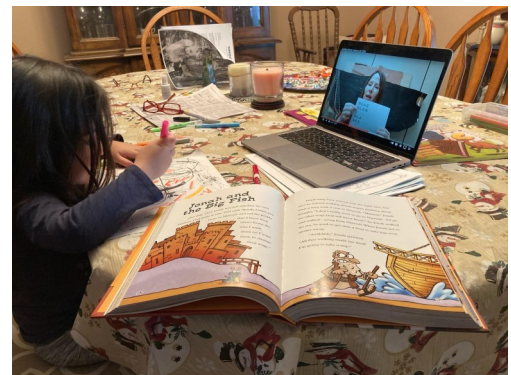


Frolic into February

- Sunday, Feb 7th—Flower sales begin
 - Wednesday Feb 10th –Last Confirmation class before Lent*
 - Sunday, Feb 14th –No Sunday School
 - Wednesday, Feb 17th—Ash Wednesday / Lenten services begin
 - Wednesday, Feb 24th - Mentor meetings begin / First Communion Class
- *Confirmation resumes Wednesday, April 7th

March into spring

- Wednesday, March 3rd—First Communion Class
- Wednesday, March 10th— First Communion Class
- Sunday, March 21st—VEAP Food Drive** / Easter bag distribution
- Monday, March 22nd—Flower orders due
- Sunday, March 28th—Palm Sunday / Rite of First Communion for 3rd Graders, 10:30 worship



**Donations for the VEAP Food Drive will be accepted from March 1st – April 11th. We’ll hold a special drive-up collection on March 21st and all kids will receive a special Easter goody bag.

Wagner Flowers are back!

Combo Kits (7 assorted plants) - \$32

Select Kits (6 plants of the same variety) - \$26

Orders will be delivered the first week of May.

Order in church Sunday, February 7th thru Sunday, March 21st.



Online Ordering is available at
<https://tinyurl.com/FlowerSale2021>

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

5 for 50

Giving back and saying “thank you” for 50 years of CCLC!

CCLC is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! To show our appreciation to God and our community, let's come together for a year of service! We already support these 5 great organizations and want to take it to the next level this year! Be on the lookout for more information about each opportunity to show your thanks.

VEAP – March Food Drive

Luther Crest Bible Camp – May Camp Day

Tapestry – Summer TBD

Every Meal – Fall packing event

Oasis for Youth – December Donation Drive

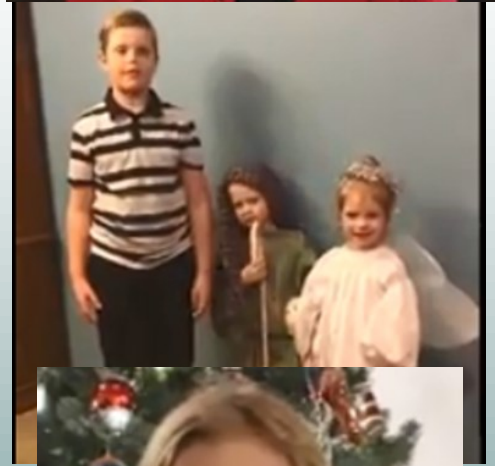
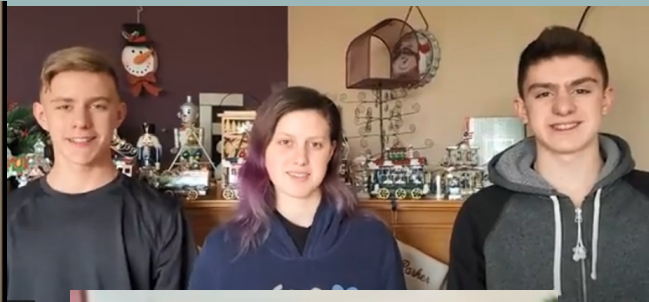


“A year of service” at-home

Are you ready to go all-in? Want to try to get 50 for 50? We'll be sending out a list of 100 ideas for service projects that you can do with your family. See how many you can check off the list this year!

CCLC “A Very Covid Christmas”

Thank you to all of our wonderful families for participating in our virtual Christmas Program, “A Very Covid Christmas”! If you haven’t had a chance to see it yet, the link will be available on our website through the end of May.



The Oasis for Youth Drive-in Drive was a huge success! Thanks to your generosity, we filled the Oasis for youth van with food, clothing, and gift cards! Thank you!!



Christmas Eve Parking Lot Worship



Music & Worship Ministry Director



The days when youth choirs, Little Ringers and Chancel Choir are able to meet again are hopefully coming soon. Please join us in praying that this time will be much sooner than later, and that our music ministries will flourish and grow!

Here are some ways to get involved now: The Jubilation Ringers, our adult handbell choir, rehearses on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm (7:00PM on Wednesdays in Lent) and rings for worship services once to two times a month. If you can read music, you're qualified even if you've never rung before! Please contact Jamie to give it a try!

If you would like to sing or play an instrument for special music during upcoming services, you are welcome and invited to participate! Just reach out to Jamie and we will figure out the best way to get you involved in a safe way! Our upcoming Wednesday evening Lenten Services are perfect for sharing your special musical talents.

The Chancel Choir typically rehearses Wednesday nights at 7:30pm and sings for worship services 2-3 times each month, with a fellowship hour following rehearsals on the first Wednesday night each month. Once it is safe to do so, all choir activities will be back up and running!

Our ensembles and special music volunteers are so important to worship at CCLC, and we hope that all of our members, young and old, will prayerfully consider becoming part of Music Ministry in some way.

We are always looking for new members. If you have a desire to share God's love through music, please contact Jamie Manzi-Moore at 952-239-6730 or music@cclcmn.org.

In Christ,
Jamie Manzi-Moore

Wholistic Community Care Ministry



What a strange year this has been? Who would have thought when we had the initial Covid-19 stay-at-home order (which was only for two weeks), that almost a year later we would still basically be in stay-at-home mode? Holidays have come and gone, and been celebrated in a much quieter manner than usual.

As I write this I am celebrating a birthday, again in a much different way than I normally would. I received a birthday card from Jane Hansen, which describes the year perfectly: This is a card of "if we could." Hoping your birthday is wrapped in miles of smiles, but unfortunately you can't see the smiles behind the masks. Enjoy the love and affection that comes your way today. Oooooops! We can't hug you and show you how much you mean to so many. Oh well!! Another birthday, another year of memories-OHHHH! The memories of 2020 and 2021 may not be so great, but just celebrate the best you can.

Something that I know many people have been doing, and we should all be doing more, is getting outside into nature, getting fresh air and exercise. I have seen more people out walking, biking, show shoeing, and skiing this year than ever before. I hope that continues even after we can return to "normal" activities. It is so good for both physical and mental health to be outdoors. And I have heard more than once "There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."

Continue to stay safe and get your Covid vaccinations as soon as you are able. Wear a mask when you have to go out. I miss seeing everyone in church and being able to visit before and after services.

Lois Larson, Parish Nurse

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9am Men's Coffee Fellowship/Zoom 9am Faithfully Fit Forever 10am Bible Study/GS 1pm Parish Nurse Office Hours 5:45pm West Park Hills/GS 6:30pm Ed Commission	6:15pm Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal/SA 6:30pm Confirmation/Zoom			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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You will find our March calendar and the most up-to-date information on calendar events at cclcmn.org.

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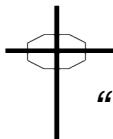
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