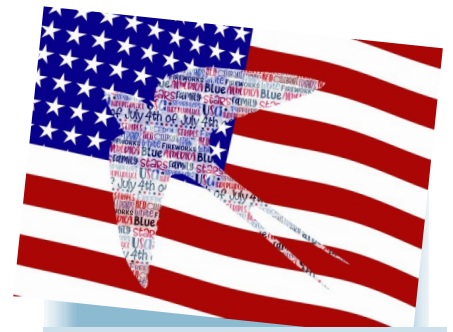


# CROSS CONNECTIONS—July 2023

Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI



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**NOAH'S ARK MOVING UP CELEBRATION—JUNE 2023**



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2	Hansen, Mr James (Jim)
7/2	Burton, Mr Richard Loren
7/3	Dixon, Josalyn Mavis
7/4	Warren, Mrs Amanda Jean (Amy)
7/6	Kreuscher, Mr Craig
7/6	Mutter, Aaron Robert
7/7	Torhorst, Mr Christopher T. (Chris)
7/7	Dummer, Ryan Thomas
7/7	Holle, Ariel
7/7	LeDuc, Emmett Matthew
7/8	Weis, Mrs Laurie L.
7/8	Walby, Claire
7/8	Repsa, Eli Matthew
7/9	Hotvedt, Mrs Leslie Louise
7/10	Johnson, Mr Andrew P. (Andy)
7/11	Shine, Cyrus
7/12	Gesteland, Mrs Julie
7/12	Geyso, Lily Elise
7/13	warren, Mr Matthew M. (Matt)
7/14	Mann, Mrs Pauline
7/14	Taylor, Mr Brian
7/16	Olsen, Mr Richard Dale (Dick)



7/17	Peterson, Mrs Laurie
7/17	Swantz, Logan William
7/17	Koldeway, Blake Loren
7/18	Kruppstadt, Mrs Lorie
7/18	Jensen, Mrs LouAnn
7/19	Westra, Luke Alan
7/20	Richards, Mrs Stacey
7/20	Kramer, Mr Nicholas Adam (Nick)
7/23	Karlsen, Mr Stig
7/23	Sorensen, Mrs Pam
7/23	Kramer, Adalynn Nicole
7/23	Dixon, Ivyanne Louise
7/24	Kluge, Ms Deb
7/24	Burd, Mrs Kay Lynn
7/24	Weis, Andrew James
7/27	Metzger, Mrs Jordanna
7/27	Morehouse, Mr Addison
7/28	Freiwald, Ms Tiffany
7/29	Graff, Mrs Sandra (Sandy)
7/30	Nie, Mrs Sally
7/31	Owen, Mrs Cassandra
7/31	Shine, Sky

# CROSS PRAYERS LIST

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Annie Bailey       | Jim Kohler     |
| Cody Baumgart      | Ryan Larson    |
| Don Brink          | Bev Leonard    |
| Jim Brink          | Howard Murreh  |
| Pat Christopherson | John Oldenburg |
| Mel Dey            | Etta Olson     |
| Liam Finucane      | Bob Remer      |
| Tiffany Freiwald   | Ginny Richards |
| Jeff Gayhart       | Delta Shine    |
| Richard Griebel    | Addison Smith  |
| Michelle Harlan    | Ryan Tate      |
| Virgie Heineman    |                |



*“Pray for another,  
so that you  
will be healed”  
James 5:26*

Jessica, Mapenzi and Clarisse,  
the children we sponsor through  
World Vision.



## Worship Assistants

### ASSISTANT MINISTERS

We are always looking for Assisting Ministers.

If anyone is interested, or you may know of someone who would be interested in, please call the church office at 262-763-6570.

### ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for someone to set-up before and clean-up after service on Sundays. It takes roughly 10 minutes to set-up and maybe 20 minutes to clean-up. Please consider being part of the Altar Guild team. If interested or have questions, please call Marlene Remer at 262-210-7465.

## JULY-SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS: Assisting Ministers

### Saturdays

### Name

07/01/23 Bob Remer  
07/08/23 Nancy Dey  
07/15/23 Brenda Belot  
07/22/23 Ryan Jazdzewski  
07/29/23 Anita Mucci

08/05/23 Bob Remer  
08/12/23 Ryan Jazdzewski  
08/19/23 Brenda Belot  
08/26/23 Nancy Dey

09/01/23 Anita Mucci  
09/09/23 Nancy Dey  
09/16/23 Bob Remer  
09/23/23 Brenda Belot

### Sundays

### Name

07/02/23 Bruce Tate  
07/09/23 Rachel Bennett  
07/16/23 Barb Tate  
07/23/23 Lois Berg  
07/30/23 Rachel Bennett

08/06/23 Anita Mucci  
08/13/23 Lois Berg  
08/20/23 Rachel Bennett  
08/27/23 Polly Burright

09/03/23 Bruce Tate  
09/10/23 Barb Tate  
09/17/23 Rachel Bennett  
09/24/23 Polly Burright

# Thank You

### Mini Food Pantry Update

A very big 'Thank You' to all of those that recently contributed food and money to keep our mini food pantry stocked. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As always, your continued donations will be put to good use.





## Greater Milwaukee Synod

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly was held at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee on June 2-3. The theme was Curiosity, Hear the Stories. There were written statements and discussions by assembly members about their experiences of being “Excluded”. There was a recognition of our journey to being an antiracist and fully inclusive church. The hymn “God Welcomes All” was sung several times during the assembly. The words are: ‘God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God’s love is strong and it never ends.’

At Friday’s dinner keynote address, Pardeep S. Kaleka related his eventual friendship with a former white supremacist. This relationship developed following a mass killing that included his father and five other congregants at the Sikh temple in Milwaukee in 2012. Three others were injured before the young gunman, with ties to white supremacist organizations, was killed by a police officer.

Pastor Kenneth Wheeler gave the sermon at the Friday evening worship service. He emphasized the dangers of white nationalism and the sin of white supremacy that is permeating our country. He also contrasted the “Gospel of Prosperity” presented at some churches with the inclusive teachings of Jesus. Another heartfelt experience was Saturday’s message to the Assembly about The Black String Ensemble by Founder and Music Director, Dayvin Hallmon. The Ensemble includes Black and Latinx musicians who are “on-call” during summer weekends in Milwaukee when violence such as a shooting occurs. The group of musicians who play the violin, viola, cello and upright/double bass play classical music near the shooting site to bring “healing” and comfort to victims, their families and emergency responders. This ensemble is the “first of its kind anywhere in the world.” Donations to the group are welcome.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to be the delegates from Cross at this assembly.

Peace, Jim and Marilyn Hansen

World Vision is a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Sponsors are needed for Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse, the three World Vision girls sponsored by Cross. **Sponsors are needed for September, October, November and December. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the welcome desk.** One girl can be sponsored for \$40 a month or all three girls for \$120 a month. Designate "World Vision Sponsor" on the memo line of your check. "Your donations get combined with other sponsors' gifts to support community-wide projects that benefit" Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse and other vulnerable children in areas like "CHILD PROTECTION, CLEAN WATER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT and SPIRITUAL NURTURE." "This approach means more kids can thrive, not just those who are sponsored!"

~Serving Team Members

## CONNECTING TEAM—for the month of July



# Life Choices

Life Choices provides Christ centered help to individuals seeking pregnancy and parenting related resources while protecting life through spiritual, physical and emotional support. To read more about some of the life experiences shared as well as more information, refer to their website: [lifechoiceswi.org](http://lifechoiceswi.org)

This year, they have requested items that are most in need, that being, diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5), baby wipes and monetary contributions (checks can be made out to 'Life Choices'). Collections will take place in July as well. Please drop off your diapers and wipes at the Welcome Center. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope and turned in to the church office. Thank you for supporting this much needed cause!

## SERVING TEAM—for the month of July



Thank you for your donations to Love, Inc. during June. Peanut butter and jelly and new and gently used books were collected.

The July goal will be to fill the white shelves in the hallway across from the church offices for the Love, Inc. Food Pantry.



# CLOTHING DRIVE

## **Clothing Giveaway**

It's that time of year again! The community free clothing & more Giveaway is scheduled for August 12th. DONATIONS are needed! This is a FREE event open to the Burlington and neighboring communities. Hundreds of families benefit from this annual giveaway. Items in high demand include . . .

- ◆ Infant, toddler, children and teen clothing.
- ◆ Infant supplies, diapers, wipes, strollers, pack 'n plays
- ◆ Educational toys, car seats ( no cribs )
- ◆ Teen clothing, shoes, boots, coats, winter gear
- ◆ Men and women's clothing... gym shoes (good condition)

PLEASE make sure clothing is in GOOD, CLEAN and WEARABLE condition. All donations can be brought to Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace, Burlington *beginning July 5th*. All donations need to be in a disposable containers (in bags/boxes — no plastic bins please)

If left after church hours, please leave at the door, labeled GIVEAWAY. PLEASE consider donating. Many families look forward to this event each year. Thank you!!



*The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.*

Psalms 34:19

## SUPPORT GROUPS

- ◇For **Women's AA** contact Marlene K. at 262-210-5918 for more information.
- ◇The **Family Caregiver Support Group** that met at Cross the 3rd Wednesday of each month is a part of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County. This group is not meeting at this time. When they resume meetings, we will share information.
- ◇**Healing Hearts Support Group** (normally met the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the upper level at the Coffee House) is currently not meeting. For future information on reopening, contact: [healinghearts@mail.com](mailto:healinghearts@mail.com).

### **SAFE FAMILIES**

This organization is dedicated to help families in crisis. It helps give temporary aid when needed. If you can help in any way, please call Terry Erb of our congregation for more info at 262-492-8615.



### **LOVE INC.**

Love, Inc. is always in need of volunteers to help in their food pantry or sorting through donations.

Please visit [love-inc.net/volunteer/opportunities](http://love-inc.net/volunteer/opportunities) for the most up to date list of volunteers needed.

For more information on how to donate and what to donate, please visit [love-inc.net/donate](http://love-inc.net/donate).

Make sure to follow Love, Inc. on Facebook (@Loveincwi) for the most up to date information on hours of operation, donations being accepted and more.



JOIN US FOR A

# FISH FRY and FELLOWSHIP

Sign up in the Narthex  
For JULY 14!

At Lutherdale Bible Camp  
N7891 US Highway 12, Elkhorn WI



Serving 4:30-7:00 pm

Adults \$18.00

Children 10 and under \$10.00

Meet at Church at 5pm to car pool

Sign up sheet is in Narthex



Gather with us for dinner with a view!

We thought it would be fun to come together to enjoy the surroundings and meal. Check out Lutherdale's website at [Lutherdale.org](http://Lutherdale.org) for additional information regarding the menu (chicken tenders available upon request).

We can pay at the door or on line.

Fish Fries are available the second Friday of each month until September. We hope you can join us!

The Fish Fries help support the ministry of Lutherdale.

## FINANCIAL REPORT—As of 05/31/2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	
Jan.	\$22,793.76	\$33,431.50	-\$10,637.74
Feb.	\$26,787.59	\$25,281.34	\$1,506.25
Mar.	\$25,204.32	\$23,948.74	\$1,255.58
Apr.	\$21,188.86	\$23,814.90	-\$2,626.04
May	\$24,533.15	\$24,506.18	\$26.97
Jun.			\$0.00
Jul.			\$0.00
Aug.			\$0.00
Sept.			\$0.00
Oct.			\$0.00
Nov.			\$0.00
Dec.			\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>			-\$10,474.98
Major Maintenance			\$75,792.39
Parking Lot Fund			\$39,898.46
Parking Lot CD			\$125,000.00
General Scholarship		2024	\$140.00



### Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund Board of Trustees met via zoom on June 1, 2023. The treasurer's report indicated an increase in the value of the accounts. A report was given of the zoom meeting that was held on May 10 with the Thrivent office in Appleton. The investments in the Regular and Spiegelhoff Funds and in the Seminary Assistance Trust accounts were discussed at that meeting. The Regular Fund was given a memorial of \$100.00 for Mary Burton in June.

The next zoom meeting of the trustees is planned for 6pm on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

# Cross Lutheran Staff & Ministry Leadership Teams as of May, 2023

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays In-person - 5pm

Sundays In-person & On-line - 9am (summer) 10am

\* Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

\* [YouTube Channel](#)

\* Website: [www.cross-church.org](http://www.cross-church.org)

[Online Fellowship](#) - 15 minutes following worship

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor - Pastor John Brink

Church Office Administrator - Carol Fischer

Financial Administrator - Bobbie Abel

Custodian - Bob Remer

## CHURCH MUSIC STAFF

Organist - Ginny Richards

Part-time Organist - Brian Plehn

Contemporary Music Director - Brian Plehn

Joyful Voice Director - Brian Plehn

Chapel Bells Director - Open position

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Cross Office: 262-763-6570

Emergency: 262-757-8111

E-mail: [crossbur@cross-church.org](mailto:crossbur@cross-church.org).

Noah's Ark: 262-767-9095

Website: [www.cross-church.org](http://www.cross-church.org).

Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

Instagram: [@crosslutheranburlington](#)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Call the office for further information

## LUTHERDALE REPRESENTATIVES

John Hakala

Blaine Warren

## SYNOD VOTING MEMBERS

Jim Hansen

Marilynn Hansen

## THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Herrmann: 262-716-5454

Call 800-Thrivent to direct your "choice" dollars

## MISSION COUNCIL

Andy Johnson, President

Ryan Jazdzewski

Claudia Kreuzscher

Patty Oldenburg, Secretary

Rachel Bennett

Joyce Etter

## BUSINESS BOARD

Lois Berg, Director

Brett Metzger, Treasurer

Doug Bouchat, Secretary

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Brian Erb

John Oldenburg

Terry Long

Bob Remer

Mike Ladd

Steve Schneider

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Anita Mucci

Pam Murphy

Marlene Remer

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Terry Erb

Marie Way

Brenda Fanter

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Patricia Christopherson

Cheryl Theis

John Hakala

Chuck Stublely

## SERVING TEAM

Bonnie Flitcroft

Marilynn Hansen

Lisa Schneider

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Garry Giller

Tammy Hogan

Jenny Morehouse

Betty Olson

## ENDOWMENT BOARD

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Doug Belot, Vice President

Blaine Warren, Secretary


Charles Stublely, Treasurer

Annie Bailey, Trustee

Sharon Johnson, Trustee

Beth Oliver, Trustee

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship
2 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study	3 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!	4  OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!	5 Clothing for the Clothing Drive can be brought in.	6	7	8 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship
9 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study	10	11 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting	12	13	14 9am Quilting Ministry	15 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship
16 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study	17	18 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Pastor John at Pine Brook Pointe 6pm Building & Grounds	19	20 6:30pm Ruth Circle	21 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship
23 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study	24	25 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Business Board	26 2pm Pastor John @ The Bay	27	28 9am Quilting Ministry	29 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship
30 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study	31					



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Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Saturday: Open for worship at 5pm until after service.  
Sunday: Open for worship at 10am service

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