



Country Chronicles  
August 2022  
Cannon River and  
Cross of Christ Lutheran  
Parish, ELCA



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### Interim Pastor's Musings

I just saw the documentary at Rotary Club that was recently produced about Ralph Samuelson and the birth of waterskiing on Lake Pepin in 1922. Ralph was 19 years old when he bent the tips of 9 foot pieces of wood that he strapped to his feet behind a boat that could barely hit 14 knots (16 mph).

Ralph didn't know he was making history but he was.

Did you know that in some way you and I are also making history in the way we live? We may not think what we are doing is earth-shaking or worthy of print in a book but yet we are making an impression on someone's life. We may or may not know whose life we are impacting but we are writing a chapter of history in someone's life.

The Call Committee that represents both Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran are certainly making significant decisions that will mark the history of both churches. They are currently interviewing candidates interested in being the next settled pastor of these churches for the years to come. Yes the Spirit of God is at work in the way we make decisions. As we follow Christ, day by day, the spirit is guiding all of us. Yes through the Spirit's work we all are writing history whether we know it or not.

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as they make important decisions in the coming weeks. They are indeed making history in the lives of both congregations.

Both Christ of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran have written a wonderful chapter of God's love and grace in my life. Yes you have made history. You have been and will always be reflections of Christ's promise of new life.

I am so honored to be with you as your Interim Pastor. I thank God for you! I thank God for your witness to the faithfulness and benevolence of Christ. Until the decision has been made regarding your next pastor (or until October 18) I will continue to proclaim God's word of grace and celebrate the Lord's Supper with you.

Together in the embrace of God's Spirit we are writing a chapter of history about the love of God that in Christ transforms us into children of God. Thanks be to God! Thanks for your love and faithfulness. You are indeed writing a page of history! Don't forget it! I certainly won't forget it!

Pastor Dan

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# Cannon River News

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## Attendance

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| July 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 15 |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup> | 12 |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup> | 31 |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup> | 20 |

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## Financial Report

|                     | Income          | Expenses        | Net              |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Jan                 | \$2,435         | \$3,638         | (\$1,203)        |
| Feb                 | \$2,445         | \$3,853         | (\$1,408)        |
| Mar                 | \$2,707         | \$4,751         | (\$2,544)        |
| Apr                 | \$3,370         | \$3,415         | (\$45)           |
| May                 | \$2,323         | \$4,674         | (2,351)          |
| June                | \$3,868         | \$5,338         | (\$1,470)        |
| <b>Year to Date</b> | <b>\$16,648</b> | <b>\$25,671</b> | <b>(\$9,023)</b> |

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## Cannon River Council Rotation for August

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Michelle |
| August 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bill     |
| August 21 <sup>st</sup> | Sharon   |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup> | David    |

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## Can You Help?

Cannon River is in need of black, hardcover Bibles. We are currently accepting donations of new or gently used Bibles. Please check around your home, thrift stores or garage sales. Our goal is to collect 12 black Bibles. There is a collection table at the back of the church.



Thank you!

## **Annual Bonfire Worship**



The Annual Summer Evening Worship, Picnic and Bonfire will be held on Saturday, August 13.

Potluck: 6:00

Outdoor worship service: 7:00  
followed by bonfire

Potluck and worship will be inside if raining.

There will be no service held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Call Committee-Update**

The call committee is in the process of interviewing. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue with this process. Thank you!

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# Cross of Christ News

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*We are called by the Spirit to be a lasting presence in our community,  
faithfully sharing the Word of God through worship, fellowship and  
service to our neighbors.*

***Faithful through Generations***

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Assistants for August 2022

## Readers

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Jim Gustafson |
| August 14 <sup>th</sup> | Cathy Nemcek  |
| August 21 <sup>st</sup> | David Hill    |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup> | Joan Slingsby |

## Greeters

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Deanna Gehloff & Family |
| August 14 <sup>th</sup> | Jean Kehren             |
| August 21 <sup>st</sup> | Jim & Sue Hill          |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup> | Jeff & Rhonda Meyer     |

## Altar

Aug 7th-Cathy Nemcek  
Aug 14th-Kelley Mittelstadt  
Aug 21st-Yvonne Nelson  
Aug 28th- Joan Slingsby

## Attendance

|                                       |                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| <b>Council Person</b><br>Jon Peterson | July 3rd              | 28 |
|                                       | July 10th             |    |
|                                       | July 17 <sup>th</sup> | 38 |
|                                       | July 24 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |

## August Ushers

Jeff Busse and whomever else can help

## Kitchen Person

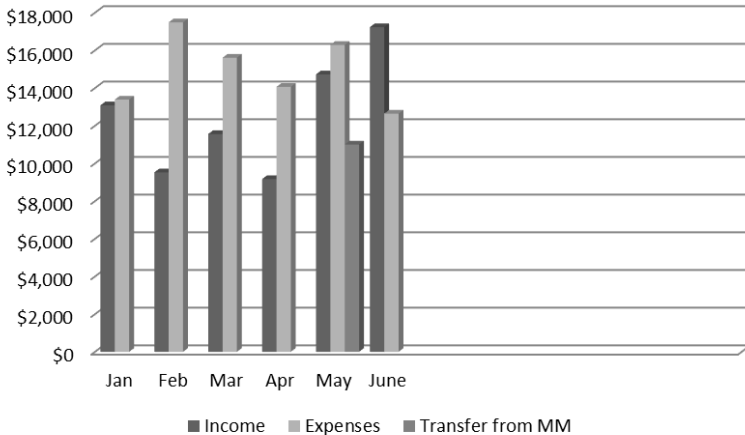
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# Cross of Christ Financial Report

|                     | <u>Income</u>   | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Transfer</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jan                 | \$13,081        | \$13,386        |                 |
| Feb                 | \$9,524         | \$17,486        |                 |
| Mar                 | \$11,558        | \$15,609        |                 |
| Apr                 | \$9,166         | \$14,062        |                 |
| May                 | \$14,722        | \$16,289        | \$11,000        |
| June                | \$17,230        | \$12,639        |                 |
| <b>Year to Date</b> | <b>\$75,283</b> | <b>\$89,472</b> | <b>\$11,000</b> |

**2022 Income/Expenses**



## Financial News:

\$1,000 was transferred from the Parsonage Fund (rental income) to the operating fund. This amount is included in the total monthly income on the bar graph.

In June we received \$3,000 in memory of Carl and Bernice Gustafson. This donation was designated to operating costs and is included in the total monthly income on the bar graph.

We used \$300 from the "For Those in Need" fund (used at Pastor's discretion).

Pestop sold the business to Adam's Pest control, slightly increasing the cost of their services.

We received our quarterly deposit from American National in the amount of \$1,235.96, of which 1/3 went to the Building and Grounds fund, 1/3 to the council discretionary fund, 1/6 to Lutheran Social Services, and 1/6 to World Hunger.

The **Simply Giving Program** allows you to have your church offering automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, biweekly or monthly. Please contact Rebecca Peterson for help with setting up scheduled donations through Simply Giving, your bank, or other financial institution. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has scheduled giving to Cross of Christ, whether it be through Simply Giving, your bank, or other organization.

Prepaid **Kwik Trip cards** are available through Julie Schriefels. A portion of your purchase price comes directly to Cross of Christ. It is a very easy way to support your church!

If you make any purchase on **Amazon.com**, you can designate .5% of your order to come to Cross of Christ by using **smile.amazon.com** instead, and designating us as the recipient. Thank you!

**Thrivent members**, remember that you can designate your earned Choice dollars at any time throughout the year. Cross of Christ greatly appreciates these donations, which go to the Building and Grounds fund.

The next Finance meeting will be **August 3, at 7 pm** at church. Detailed reports of income and expenditures are always available upon request.

Rebecca Peterson, Treasurer

[crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com) 651-301-2652

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## Kwik Trip Cards



Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. The cards can be used to purchase anything at Kwik Trip from gas, groceries and car washes to anything else they sell.

Available in **\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100**. You pay the amount of the card being purchased; the church makes 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, August 9** and will be available at the church by, August 14. **If you would like to order cards and are not on the regular order list, please email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 507-990-7024.** Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards. Julie Schreifels

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## WELCA Bible Study



WELCA Bible Study Tuesday, August 9th at Cross of Christ in Dahlen Hall. 9:00am . Bring a treat to share and a friend. Pastor Dan will lead bible study and hand out the lesson.

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## Annual Taste of Welch

Taste of Welch will be held on **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** and will be held in person. Let Millie Niebeling or Kelley Mittelsteadt know if you are donating an item for Raffle Tickets by August 14th. We will be putting Packets available starting Sunday September 4th.

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## Summer is almost over!

This is a great time for most of us Minnesotans, but it is a difficult time for churches. Church attendance and giving always drop in summer months, even though our expenses don't. Thank you so much to everyone who has remembered us this summer, we greatly appreciate your thoughts and gifts.



## Welch Community Picnic



Welch Community Picnic is set for Saturday August 27 co-hosted by our church and the Willing Welchers 4H club.

We will return to a traditional potluck meal. The 4H members will provide and serve the desserts. Refer to the flyer for more details.



## Missions

*Some call it Mission work . . . it's also called "Loving Others"*

The Mission Committee is made up of Deanna Gehloff, Sue Hill, Ann Kulla, Rhonda Meyer and Pastor Dan. If you ever have any questions about Mission outreach, please contact one of us!

We will meet on **Wednesday, August 10 th at 6:30pm** in Dahlen Hall to do some planning.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us in reaching out to people who need assistance!

Our mission is fun and very rewarding!!

## Family Fare Store Receipt Collection

*Please* continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.



*To date, our collection totals \$84,156*

*When* the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children.

We have already reached this goal three times, and are now on our fourth collection.

It's amazing what a little shopping can do!

## Shoe Away Hunger

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A single pair of *new or gently used shoes*, for someone in need, can have a big impact. Every pair of shoes collected offers affordable footwear for someone in need; those proceeds enable **Shoe Away Hunger** to buy groceries for those who are hungry through **Feeding the Future** programs and services.

This amazing program offers a simple and meaningful way for you to join with us as we work together to eliminate hunger *“one sole at a time.”*

Here is how you can help!

- Look for the Shoe Away Hunger box in the back of the church.
- Donate your footwear including sneakers, casual shoes, winter boots, sandals and heels; **remember, new or gently used.**
- Please tie or band them together.
- Your donations will be taken to Schuler Shoes where they are picked up by Shoe Away Hunger.

Thank you for your support!

The Mission Committee

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## Youth and Learning News

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### Sunday School Activities

**Activities:** A Valley Fair trip is planned for youth in grades 5-12 for **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Youth and chaperones will depart from church at 9am and return by 6pm. Interested youth can bring one friend. Please respond by August 10<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Dan at 763-458-5066 or [dcnordin333@gmail.com](mailto:dcnordin333@gmail.com).

**Mission:** The offering from Vacation Bible School went to support Gabby and Jacob John, from Tanzania. \$42.94



**Vacation Bible School** – We had 13 younger children participate in VBS this year. They had fun exploring Jesus' Parable of the Sower and learned ways kids can care for God's creations.

**Thank You** to all who helped make VBS a success this year, including five older youth helpers.



Picture by Becky Fox

Peace, Julie Schreifels Cell 507-990-7024 email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)



The next WELCA meeting will be **Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** **Dahlen Hall.** We will continue to plan the Taste of Welch, Blood Drive, fundraisers, and other items.

**Red Cross Blood Drive: Our next drive will Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-6 pm and Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Come and donate blood-Save lives. You can register now at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> **Let Julie know if you can help with the blood drive.**

## LolaBird

We are happy to partner with LolaBird bedsheets to help the group of women and a teenage girl going to the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ in September of 2023. The proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of transportation and lodging. Also, to go towards the mission offering at the Gathering. **Click the link below to go directly to our LolaBird website to order today. Deadline for ordering is August 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you need assistance ordering contact Julie Schreifels 507-990-7024. Look for the display in the back of the sanctuary.

<https://www.lolabird.com/fundraiser/cross-of-christ-lutheran-church-welca>

**Taste of Welch:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am-2 pm. We are going back to the old format of Lunch, Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Raffle. A limited number of baked sale items will also be available for pre-orders. **If you would like to donate a raffle item contact Kelley Mittelsteadt 651-764-9889.** We will need workers for the lunch and bake sale and donations as well. Contact any of the officers to let us know how you will be helping with our mission fundraiser.

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** September 17, 2022 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester. The theme is Love one Another for love is from God (1 John 4:7). The convention's Love

Offering will be given to Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, SE MN Olmsted County Victim Services. Start collecting items on the list below.

We will have a designated donation place in August.

Suitcases or duffel bags, Backpack or tote bags, Clothing (gender neutral; various sizes), Shampoo & Conditioner (variety of types for people with different types of hair), Tie blankets supply sets (different patterns), Tampons, Bulletin boards (inspirational board material), Canvases (different sizes), Paint (Apple Barrel Acrylic Paint), Paint brushes (small sets to hand out to clients), Painting by numbers or jewel by numbers, Fidgets, Gel pens, Colored pencils Storage containers (small in size for storing art supplies or to hand out to clients for items)

**Future Events:**

**Days for Girls Group:** August 18 & 22 9:00 -11:00 am Cannon Falls Senior Center

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 12-6 pm and Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am – 2:30pm

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** Sept.17, 2022 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester

**Taste of Welch:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am-2 pm

**Women's Retreat 2023:** January 20-22, 2023 Cedar Valley Resort

**12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering:** Week of September 18, 2023 Phoenix, Arizona

**Officers: President: Julie Schreifels Secretary: Joan Slingsby**

**Treasurer: Jean Kehren**

**Kitchen Committee: Doris Gruber, Joan Slingsby, Jean Kehren, Janet Daley, Cathy Nemcek, Sandy Petrashek**

**Julie Schreifels cell phone: 507-990-7024 email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)**

## **Ways to Give to Cross of Christ**

Thanks so much for remembering Cross of Christ with your financial gifts. Please remember to always include your name and any specific fund (e.g, Operating, Building and Grounds, etc.) with your donation. Donations with no specific fund listed will be considered 'Undesignated' with 14% going to the synod, 5% to our Building and Grounds, 3% to our Missions, and the remainder to our operating fund.

### **Mail a Check**

Our mailing address is:  
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
Attn: Treasurer  
24036 County 7 Blvd.  
Welch, MN 55089

### **PayPal**

If you use PayPal, you can easily send a donation to church. Search for [crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com), just make sure to change "Paying for an item or service" to "Sending to a friend" to avoid any service fees. Include the fund you'd like to donate to in the Notes section.

### **Simply Giving**

If you'd like to give recurring gifts, even temporarily, please consider signing up for Simply Giving, the form is attached. You can also set up automatic payments through most banks

### **Online Giving through Vanco**

Go to our church website at [cchurch.us](http://cchurch.us). Click on the menu in the top right corner, and select "Links."

Click on the link under "Giving Options," and follow the prompts. It will ask for your routing and account numbers.

### **Need Help?**

Please contact me if you have questions or trouble with any of these options. Thank you for remembering Cross of Christ during this difficult time.

Rebecca Peterson, Treasurer, Cross of Christ Church  
651-301-2652, [crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com)

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## **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Join in celebration of Darnell Smith's **80th** birthday bash! **Sunday, August 7 from 1pm to 5 pm** at the Bay City American Legion.

We will be grilling out - brats & hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and drinks will be provided. Darnell has requested no gifts but would love cards with fond memories you have with her.

# Welch Community **PICNIC**

Saturday, August 27th  
**4:30 PM**



Hosted by  
Cross of Christ Church &  
Willing Welchers 4H Club

24036 County 7 Blvd, Welch

Please  
bring:



Large Dish to  
Share w/spoon



Lawn  
Chair



Neighbor

**A GATHERING OF  
FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS**