



# TLC CONNECT



**CONNECT this Sunday, Nov. 29th through Worship at 10 am either In-Person or Online. New Sermon Series: BEHOLD! Trusting What We Can't See.** Isaiah 7:10-14. King Ahaz was told by God to ask for a sign, he refused. So God gave Isaiah a sign for His promise to fulfill what He had told Israel He would do. That sign is the Messiah would be born of a virgin. We will explore how this sign can build our trust in God.



Due to a COVID-19 Relief Grant from the MN Dept of Education, Lutheran Social Services Meals is providing FREE Community meals.

**Sat., Dec. 5th | Noon-2:00 pm  
Immaculate Heart Church  
35208 Cty. Rd. 37, Crosslake**

Questions? Please contact Jeanne Keiffer 218-692-3731.

For Yours And Our Safety  
**Please Do Not Enter Without A Face Covering**



Thank You For Your Understanding

We know that the whole topic of mask wearing is controversial. We know the arguments about whether they work or not and we agree with many of the same arguments against wearing masks. But we also acknowledge that an asymptomatic

person wearing a mask will be safer for those around them than if that same person is not wearing a mask.

1. Please maintain the proper social distancing when entering, worshipping, and leaving our worship space.
2. A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
3. Refrain from standing in groups inside the building prior to and following our service.

We understand that some of you will not be comfortable being required to wear a mask in service. For you we ask that you join us online for the live stream. We are not doing this to be offensive, we do this to protect the vulnerable in our congregation and with the intent of being able to remain open in these challenging times.

*Now, more than ever, we need to connect with God and one another.*

*Please join us at one of our worship services.*

(COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY)



\*\*\*\* *Christmas Eve* \*\*\*\*

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 3:30 pm | 4:45 pm | 6:00 pm

# 28 MORE DAYS ‘TIL CHRISTMAS

Tasha Schuh



Due to COVID-19 shutting down all the schools, we are postponing our event with Tasha to early 2021 with the hopes of getting into the schools.

## CRISIS PHONE NUMBERS

- CRISIS: from cell phone call 274747 (CRISIS)
- Crisis Nursery: 218-692-2859
- Crisis Text Line: Text "MN" or "HopeLine" to 741741
- Minnesota 1st Call for Help: 211
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- Suicide & Mental Illness: 1-800-462-5525
- Teen Crisis Line: 310-855-4673
- Trans Lifeline: 877-565-8860
- The Trevor Project (LGBTQ Crisis & Suicide Hotline - Youth under 25): 1-866-488-7386
- Veteran's Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 - press 1
- WARMLINE: 1-844-739-6369 from 5:00pm -9:00am

Speak with peers who are there to listen and support adults experiencing emotional distress.

Friday - November 27, 2020

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

**Crosslake Food Shelf:** 203 lbs of food from the Log Church family was delivered on Friday! Thank you Lowell Pitken for making this delivery to the food shelf!!

### Lakes Area Pregnancy Support

**Center:** Baby Bottle Project: \$970.97 from The Log Church family. Four more baby bottles due to be delivered to LAPSC this week will bring this total to over \$1000.00!!



*Job well done Log Church, job well done!*



## Stay CONNECTED through Prayer

If you need prayer, simply email your prayer request to: [sarah@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:sarah@crosslakeefc.org) and you will have over 200 people praying for your request.

If you want to be a part of our prayer chain, email Sarah and she will add you to the team.

## Stay CONNECTED through Devotional Prayer:

**THANKSGIVING: A Story of Persistence** by Kelly McFaddon, [www.homeword.com](http://www.homeword.com)

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*  
— *Philippians 3:12-14*

Here is a part of the Thanksgiving story you may not know. While the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in October of 1621, it was not until October of 1777 that all 13 colonies celebrated Thanksgiving, for the first time. At one point, our first president, George Washington, proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving, but conflict and difficulties among the colonies put an end to its observance.

It was a magazine editor, Sarah Josepha Hale, whose work led to the celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday we observe today. Hale wrote letters to governors and presidents and editorials in magazines, books and newspapers, promoting the observance of Thanksgiving.

In 1863, after 40 years of letter-writing and campaigning (that's not a typo, she really wrote letters for 40 years),

Hale's persistence paid off and President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving. Since then, every president has supported Thanksgiving. Forty years of dedication, persistence and passion, all to make sure that this country would celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving each year. Impressive.

We can learn from Hale's perseverance. It took her 40 years to accomplish what she set out to do. Just like her story, the Christian faith is often described as a marathon, not a sprint. Each day of our life is another day to choose between right and wrong, to help someone in need, to read our Bible and pray.

As Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:12-14, Christians are called to persevere, to press on. Sometimes it can feel like an unrewarding task. It is hard, but important, to look to God for the BIGGER plan. What if Hale had chosen to give up after one year or ten years? Her goal would have been left unfinished. Press on towards the call of Christ! Endure! But be forewarned, just like Sara Josepha Hale, it may take 40 years to see the fruit of your labor! *(This article was reprinted with permission.)*