



TLC CONNECT



CONNECT this Sunday, Dec. 6th through Worship at 10 am either In-Person or Online.

This month, leading to Christmas, we will be focusing on the word "Behold." Take a guess how many times it appears in the Old Testament and New Testament as the answers will be revealed in the message. Today's message is going to focus on what God beholds. What do you think it is?



TECHNOLOGY FUND

Current needs that we have

include upgrades to our video recording ability with the addition of 2 cameras, control panel to switch and control cameras, monitors and a computer to control our streaming. This project will cost about \$15,000. The office phone system is also nearing the end of its life span. All gifts to the Technology Fund will be used for these improvements.

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

21 MORE DAYS ‘TIL CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE!

Christmas list for the food pantry: boxed stuffing, boxed instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, jars of gravy, canned green beans, canned corn, canned soup, canned fruit, white rice, boxed brownies, boxed cake mix, cans of frosting, and boxed cookie mixture. Reed's Market will be providing the Food Shelf with canned hams.

Items need to be in their original sealed wrappings. If you donate food items, please remember to check the "use by" date. We have two locations at the church to leave your donations: the church entryway (basket) or the ministry entrance (Open 24/7) plastic container.

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

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.



TLC DELIVERS is Riding Again.

With our recent shut down order we have started up our **TLC Delivers** service again. If you know people who could use this service due to being shut in, please let them know that Maucieri's, Valerie Ann's and Moonlite Bay restaurants are currently using the service to deliver orders to those people who can't safely do pick up.

Friday - December 4, 2020



Stay CONNECTED through Prayer

If you need prayer, simply email your prayer request to: 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: "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE!" by Sarah Dawdy

One of my earliest recollections of Christmas was learning the song "This Little Light of Mine" along with hand gestures of holding up one finger (the candle) and the other hand would be in the form of a bushel (the bushel)!. You would put the bushel over the candle to keep the light from shining! The last verse of this little tune was "keep it under a bushel NO, Let it shine until Jesus Comes!" It was reminding us of the brightest star over Bethlehem that guided Wise Men from afar who came to find the newborn Christ Child laying in a manger. Shepherds from the fields were frightened by the light of the Angels bringing the news of the newborn King!

At Christmas, there were lights everywhere to behold the birth of Baby Jesus! We had sparkling lights on our Christmas tree, bright lights decorating the outside of our house and a calming candlelight service at our church every Christmas Eve.

Little did I realize that in my walk of faith, the little light of mine in this song took me from the birth of Jesus to the resurrection and ascension of Christ when He left this earth to return to His

Heavenly Father. Before the Ascension of Christ, He breathed the Holy Spirit onto His disciples. (John 20:17 "Do not touch me for I have not ascended to the Father") and (John 20: 21-22 "Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit."). As Christians, this eternal light of the Holy Spirit has been given to each of us!

Is your spiritual light under a bushel during the many shadows in our current world bringing anxiety and depression? Ask your Savior to help you remove the bushel and let your light shine with kindness and unconditional love during this Blessed Holiday Season. Amen

