

The Log Church Crosslake **TLC** **CONNECT**



Stay **CONNECTED** through Devotional Prayer: “See the World Through the Eyes of a Child This Christmas”

by Sarah Dawdy

At heart we are all innocent. We recognize it in children but, as we have grown up, many of us have struggled to hold on to this innocence and have it hidden. Life can be tough but it is so important, for our own happiness, that we do not forget this feeling.

Christmas is a time when we can rediscover and reconnect with the goodness that is inside each one of us and allow ourselves to become more open. When we do so, we start to see it in everyone around us and we become more kind and compassionate. This innocence is the true spirit of Christmas.

Your Lord and Savior loves you unconditionally and knows you to be wonderful, to be perfect! He wants to help you reconnect with your innocence. If we all recognized it within ourselves and in everyone else, perhaps we would have a much more peaceful world.

The symbol of Christmas — a new born baby lying in a manger — is a reminder to us of the importance of reconnecting with our own innocence.

This time of the year is special, it’s a time of rebirth, a time of renewed joy. Christ was born in a simple manger, to common parents surrounded by ordinary stable
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CONNECT this Sunday, Dec. 20th through Worship

Welcome to The Log Church where we are currently in a series focusing on the word “Behold” which appears over 1200 times in the Bible. Why do you think it appears that many times? What do you think God wants us to “Behold” especially as we get close to Christmas? To listen to our previous messages in this series go to <https://crosslakeefc.org/sermons/>

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Our Christmas Eve Offering will be used to help two of our partner ministries: **True North Ranch** and **MN Adult & Teen Challenge**. All proceeds given at the Christmas Eve Services or that come in designated “Christmas Eve Offering” will go to these two ministries which have been drastically hurt due to the pandemic and the inability to do their normal fundraisers. This Christmas Eve we get to bear the gifts of kings to these great ministries.

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

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

The 4:45 pm service will stream live on our YouTube channel.

**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS,
SEATING WILL BE LIMITED.**

Please contact the church office and let us know which service you would like to attend! OR, [click here](#) to fill out a Reservation Form on-line.





FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 12/15/2020

YTD Giving - \$462,833.77
Under Budget - (\$16,332.90)

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."

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.

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Evenings 6-7:15pm
Starting Jan. 17th
Fellowship Hall - lower level



If you are not in a small group, this is your opportunity to join us as we form new small groups.

Pastor Troy will be teaching on the key principles of small group life and we will form discussion groups around the teaching.

Come and meet new people, get connected into a Biblical community and see how God changes your life.

Contact Sarah at the church office to register at 218.692.4141 OR email her at sarah@crosslakeefc.org

If you have any questions contact Pastor Troy at troy@crosslakeefc.org

Friday - December 18, 2020

YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

There will be no Youth Ministry gathering during Christmas break. We will resume Wed., January 6th.

NEW! STUDY GROUP

A new study group focused on the material "Not A Fan" by Kyle Idleman will begin on Thurs., Jan. 7th from 6:30-8pm.

Jesus was never looking for admirers. It wasn't fans he was looking to gather, it was followers.

There will be a video curriculum and will be hosted by Janet Mayer and Karen Wiele. Cost of the book is \$12

If you want more information, go to www.notafan.com

The group will be limited to 8 participants. Sign up today! Contact Sarah at sarah@crosslakeefc.org.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS

The Tuesday evening mental health support groups will not meet again until 2021. The groups will resume in mid-January. If you are interested in joining a group please contact the church office and a group facilitator will get back to you.

The Recovery and AA groups are ongoing. For more information please contact your group facilitator or the church office.

Devotional Prayer

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animals ... but in the simplicity of that birth became the most extraordinary event in the history of mankind.

In the presence of young children we often feel their innocence, their sense of wonder. Then, at Christmas, we may be afforded a glimpse of something more, which can rekindle this feeling within ourselves even though it may be hidden for most of the year.

I am not talking about naivety; rather, I am talking about a pure innocence that allows us to see the good in ourselves and in others. I am not talking about immaturity, rather a maturity that is deepened by the awareness of the innocence of everyone. The more we understand our own and one another's goodness, the more we grow and the better people we will become.

When we look at the world through innocent eyes — we see the joy and the wonder in the simple everyday things that will become extraordinary through Christ.

Give yourself the chance to reconnect with your innocence this Christmas.



Join Us As We Launch Our Winter Small Group Ministry With a Movie Entitled "Small Group"

Our evening will start at 6pm with either a bag meal OR you can purchase a box meal from Valeria Ann's. Then sit back to enjoy the movie, which is a faith based comedy drama. This film is rated PG-13 so parents should review this at <https://smallgroupmovie.com/> in determining who in your family should attend.

The movie is 2 hours and will begin at 6:30pm. More info to come!