



The Log Church
Crosslake

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happy new year



**CONNECT this Sunday,
Jan. 3rd through Worship
“Don’t Let Your Perspective
Grow Cold” | Peter 1:3-9**

As we enter into the coldest month of the year here in MN we can easily become cold about life as well. Cold physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually and we can easily lose perspective of the things that should warm our hearts everyday. How can we make sure we don’t lose the warm perspective we had coming out of Christmas and what is it that we should be doing to maintain a perspective that keeps us fired up for following Jesus and walking in His ways?

**Stay CONNECTED through Devotional Prayer:
“2021 ... Stay Focused”** by Pastor Mark Holmen

In one word how would you describe 2020? In one word, what is your desire for 2021?

Today, we begin a new sermon series that will take us through I Peter which is a letter written to God’s people that were dispersed across many regions with different rulers and regimes yet Peter’s letter would apply to each of them. And the primary theme of his letter was simply “live in obedience to Christ and His ways no matter where you are.” Peter knew his readers were in different regions facing different challenges that they would have to contend with yet that wasn’t his focus or concern. Peter will acknowledge these realities through the letter but he keeps calling everyone back to that same central theme “live in obedience to Christ and His ways no matter where you are.”

Did you know that The Log Church has people watching our live stream and recorded services from many different States and

occasionally another country or two as well? We actually have twice as many people watching our services on-line than the number who attend, in-person, each week. All praise to God! Yet, just because that is the case, this new reality doesn’t change the messages we are giving because they apply to all people, everywhere. So no matter where you are, please take some time to slowly read through I Peter 1:3-9 and identify the things God, through Peter, is wanting us to focus on no matter where we live and no matter who ends up in the White House. Yes, that’s right, God is reminding us through Peter’s letter that we are all called to keep the same focus no matter who ends up in the White House. And what is that focus supposed to be? Read through, and then rewrite I Peter 1:3-9 in your own words and in “letter” form as if you were writing it in a card to someone you know. In doing this, God will remind you of the things we should be remembering and focusing on as we move into 2021.

HAPPY NEW dreams
HAPPY NEW days
HAPPY NEW desires
HAPPY NEW ways
HAPPY NEW year
HAPPY NEW you

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.

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

ZOOM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Please join us at 9:30 am on Mondays, starting January 11th for our on-line “Collection Study of the Later Minor Prophets (Nahum through Malachi). Using the Zoom platform, we will show the DVDs, host discussions, and pray together during our Monday studies. Most of us are new to Zoom, so we are happy to help with technical challenges by using practice sessions, phone guidance, and helping each other out.

Join us on this learning curve together as we study God's Word in this new setting.

Contact Tina Lunde at cklunde@gmail.com or 651-301-1548 to ask questions and to sign up.

ONSITE WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class will begin their Winter study on January 12th from 9:30-11:00 am meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The Amazing Collection Volume 8 “The New Testament Historical Books, Matthew through Acts” will be the new study. Workbooks will be available at the first class for \$8.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Hagberg at 218-310-6791 or the church office @ 218-692-4141.

SMALL GROUP MEMBER INTERVIEW WITH ANN ANDERSON

How has being part of a small group deepened your faith? I have learned a lot about the Bible through small group discussions and studies. For instance, right now one of my groups is studying 2 Timothy and learning about the relationship between Paul and Timothy, and how Paul instructed Timothy to be guided by the Spirit even through times of suffering.

How has being part of a small group built a sense of community? We recently moved to Crosslake and I wanted to find ways to connect with women in this community. The women's group that meets on Zoom gracefully welcomed me to their group in the fall. I have new friends in Crosslake and at TLC!

How has a small group enriched your life? Paul and I started a small group several years ago at another church. We are still connected with those friends. We are particularly close to two of the couples – we have each other's back and consider it a privilege to help each other through tough times, life's shifts, and changes as well as joys and celebrations.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fri., Jan. 15th
6 pm



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!