

TLC CONNECT



CONNECT WITH US Sunday, Dec. 19th through Worship



Welcome to The Log Church and our "Characters of Christmas" series where this Sunday we will be hearing directly from one of the shepherds and what it was like to be there when Jesus was born. Feel free to share today's message with your friends as it will be posted on our Crosslake Worship YouTube channel. Come back on Christmas Eve at either 3:30 or 5 pm for our special candlelight services focusing on "Our Gifts for Jesus".

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Christmas Eve Worship
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
Friday, Dec. 24th
3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

**SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS**

GriefShare Seminar **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** Wed., Dec. 22nd • 6:30 pm

The Log Church will be hosting this FREE EVENT. Here's what to expect:

- Watch a 40-minute video, filled with practical holiday survival tips and the real-life stories of people who have navigated the season after their loved one's death.
- Hear other seminar attendees explain how they are dealing with the holidays.
- Have the opportunity to share how grief is affecting you. (No pressure—this is optional. We want you to feel comfortable.)
- Receive a personal copy of the GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide.

Surviving the Holidays is sponsored by the GriefShare program and affiliated local GriefShare groups. It is a 13-week grief support group offered by local churches. GriefShare is nondenominational and open to people of all faiths, as well as those who do not practice a faith.

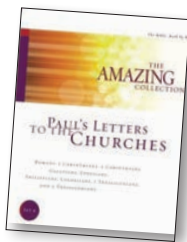
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You do not need to be enrolled in a GriefShare group to attend the Surviving the Holidays Seminar. Everyone is welcome! Available to watch on-line also. Go to www.griefshare.org and search by zip code to find the event. If you are viewing online, please pickup your copy of the **GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide** at the Ministry Office.

JANUARY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- **Jan. 10th Mon.**
ZOOM Bible Study
9:30-11:00 AM
Paul's Letters to The Churches" from The Amazing Collection.
New Testament Books
"Romans - 2 Thessalonians.



Priscilla Shirer's
Faith and Fire "Elijah"

- **Jan. 11th Tues.**
9:30-11:30 AM
- **Jan. 13th Wed.**
9:00-11:00 AM
6:30-8:00 PM



Sign up early! Call or email Sarah at the office. (218-692-4141) or sarah@crosslakeefc.org

Men's Ministry volunteers are busy hanging sheetrock in our new Wellness Center space.

No Wednesday Night Activities Scheduled for Dec. 22nd & 29th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

Monday, Dec., 20th: College Cooking with Maria Holman 6-8 pm (Rescheduled from Dec. 13th)

She will be joining us to show some easy things to cook. I'd hate for your diet to be mostly Ramen noodles, so here is an idea or two. As always, bring a friend and come for some fun.



As always, you can hang out longer if you wish and we tend to enjoy a little extra time. Please email Mike at mike@crosslakeefc.org if you will be attending so we have enough supplies.



Stay CONNECTED through DEVOTION

submitted by Mike Neumann

John 1:1-13

We get most of what we know about Jesus' birth from Matthew and Luke. Those two accounts give the details surrounding His birth. Mark doesn't mention it and neither does John. At least, John doesn't mention Jesus' birth. What we find in John is something about Jesus' origins.

There's a catch though: Jesus doesn't have origins because He is eternally existent. He always has been and always will be. He is that spaceless, timeless, immaterial God that we met in Genesis 1.

When we talk about Jesus' birth, we talk about the point in time and history when God confined Himself and gave up use of His divinity at certain points for the sake of His creation. When we look at other religions of the time, this idea of God becoming human to sacrifice for them is unheard of.

This Christmas, as we remember Jesus' birth, I hope it is augmented by the fact that Jesus always existed and didn't have an origin. He was, and is, and is to come.



EPIC Ministry members spreading Christmas cheer at the Whitefish at the Lakes residence on Thurs., Dec. 9th