

TLC CONNECT



WELCOME TO THE LOG CHURCH - DEC. 18TH

Looking Forward to Christmas ... from the Old Testament!

The Old Testament has over 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah. Just as we look forward to Christmas, the Old Testament Saints were looking forward to that very first Christmas.

Amanda DeYounge will be leading worship this Sunday!

If You Look for Me at Christmas...

Author Unknown

If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.

You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.



Sunday, Dec. 18th
During 9:30 AM Worship Service
TLC Kids who attend Wed. KIDS Club and Sunday morning Little Loggers will join together in song for a special Christmas presentation.
Invite a friend and join us!!!

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN LUNCHEON
Sunday, Dec. 18th
10:45 AM



Join us for pizza and enjoy a Christmas activity as families. While doing this we will also be able to connect and share our favorite holiday traditions. RSVP to Pastor Mike so he can get enough supplies.



Celebrate Recovery
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Saturday, December 17th
7:00 PM • Jordan Rm

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step Recovery Program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. This group will be lead by Eric Koch, a local businessman.



Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday, Dec. 24th
3:00 PM - Kid Friendly Service
4:30 PM - Candlelight Service

There will be no Sunday Service on Christmas Day. However, there will be a special devotion from Pastor Troy and will be available on our Crosslake Worship YouTube channel.

NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

No Wednesday Night Activities
Scheduled for Dec. 21st
(except for the Youth Group)

WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP WED., DEC. 21ST Christmas Party



Time for the youth group Christmas party! There will be snacks, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. *Gifts should be no more than \$10 in value and nothing personal or gross.* Come ready for laughs, fun, and fellowship.

KIDS Club

WILL NOT MEET ON Wed., Dec. 21st.
We will resume Wed., Jan. 11th.

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join us for a new Bible Study beginning January 3rd.

The 8-week study is titled "The Acts of the Apostles." The focus is on finding the truth and purpose that God has for the world and for our lives through His power given to us to accomplish His mission. We will use a video and study provided by Pastor Louis Giglio. We meet at 6:30 AM each Tuesday for a hearty breakfast followed by a time of study and fellowship. We conclude by 8:00 AM! See you bright and early!"

MEN'S STUDY GROUP "NOT A FAN"

Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 11th at 6:00 PM we will begin studying the book "not a fan" by Kyle Idelman.



This group will be lead by Tim Prem. You will learn the difference from being a fan of Jesus versus being a follower of Jesus. This study will continue for 7 weeks. You can register for this group by contacting Sarah in the church office at sarah@crosslakeefc.org or by calling 218-692-4141.

DEVOTION - Jesus is God

submitted by Pastor Mike Neumann

John 1:1-15

This is the season we remember the incarnation, that is, God becoming a human. Jesus' name Immanuel points directly to that reality. Matthew and Luke chronicle this event from different perspectives while Mark doesn't see the need to include it.

John does chronicle this event, but from perspective not found with the other two. John reminds us of Jesus being God. He may have been born at a particular point in human history, but ultimately, He predates us and is

eternal. That's what Jesus meant when He said, "Before Abraham was, I Am" (John 8:58).

As we remember the moment Jesus was born, let's not forget how amazing and earth shattering this moment really is. The eternal, self-existent God of all creation confining Himself into a limited, contingent human form. He was at the mercy of people being a helpless baby and as an adult let Himself be at the mercy of evil people on that cross. This really does make it the greatest story ever told.

2022 Christmas Eve OFFERING

The offering will be going to our **MISSION PARTNERS IN AUSTRIA**. Dave & Cathrin Ousterhus, lost the lease on their teen center this past year. The landlord would not renew with them. This is where we step in. Our Christmas Eve offering will go to help secure a new teen center with half the offering and the other half will go to help with the Ousterhus' operating expenses.

Let's be a huge blessing to these wonderful mission partners!

A HUGE THANK-YOU FROM THE CROSSLAKE FOOD SHELF

So far, we have received over 650 lbs. of food, and more coming. A special thank you for the single donation of 450 lbs of food by an anonymous donor. God has blessed us again!!!



BUDGET REPORT as of Dec. 14, 2022

YTD Giving	\$510,353.94
Under Budget	\$24,770.39



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RE-ENGAGE

is a marriage enrichment program that can

benefit any marriage. Whether your marriage needs to be refreshed, reignited, or completely resurrected, re-engage is a safe place for you and your spouse to reconnect.

The next session will begin Wed., Jan. 11th. If you are interested, please email: marriage@crosslakeefc.org

CHRISTIAN PARENTING

A new Sunday School class on Christian Parenting will begin on January 8th, 2023, taught by Bill Nersesian, MD, a retired pediatrician. The class will run for 8-12 weeks in the Jordan Rm. Each session will have a 20 minute presentation, followed by Q&A and discussion.

Topics will include discipling children to love Christ, child discipline, building Christian character, building courage to stand up for Christian values, role of grandparents/extended family, governing exposure to the media, and other topics as desired by attendees. Suggested reading materials and resources will be available. *If childcare is required, please contact the church office with the kids names & ages.*