

Friday - Dec. 22, 2023

# TLC CONNECT

The  
Log  
Church  
Crosslake

WELCOME TO THE LOG  
CHURCH - DEC. 24TH



## Christ is Born!

Luke 2:1-20

Do you remember the feeling you had as a child waiting for Christmas? Imagine waiting 2000 years for Christmas to arrive. Join us Sunday to learn more.

**KIDS Club**

**WILL NOT MEET ON  
Dec. 27, Jan. 3, Jan. 10**

We will resume Wed., Jan. 17th



The Christmas Eve Offering  
will be given to our  
Mission Partners,



When you give, you glorify God.  
When you give to the EFCA  
ReachGlobal Crisis Response,  
you make possible their mission  
of helping to rebuild lives and  
communities by sharing the hope  
of Christ! On Christmas Eve,  
your offering to God will be sent to  
support this mission!



**Bring in The New Year  
at The Log Church!  
Sunday, Dec. 31st  
4-9:00 PM**

You are invited to join together  
in fellowship for pickleball in the  
Gym and board games in the  
Fellowship Hall!

Please bring appetizers, snacks,  
soft drinks, and your favorite  
game to share.

For more information, please  
contact Lee or Dan Shelstad at  
218-851-1937.

## Christmas Eve Worship

**Sunday, December 24th  
9:00 & 10:30 AM and  
7:00 PM Candlelight Service**

The 10:30 AM service will be live-  
streamed on our You-Tube Channel

The Nursery will be available  
for children under 3 yrs. of age  
during the 10:30 AM service only.



**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE DEC. 27th  
Agenda**

**THERE WILL BE NO WNL  
ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.**

If you have relocated during  
this past year, please confirm  
the ministry office has  
your most current contact  
information. Giving statements  
will be mailed out mid-January.

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## ANNUAL STAFF LOVE OFFERING



You can give to our annual love offering to the staff until the end of the year by simply noting "staff offering" in the memo or in notes with online giving. Here is a list of our current staff:

- Troy Nelson, Pastor
- Mike Neumann, Pastor
- Sarah Dawdy, Office Manager
- Nate & Alyssa Readle, Worship
- Kathryn Neumann, Worship
- Mary Amiot, Finance & Marketing
- John Lindahl, Custodian/Maint.
- Dalton Atwater, Live Stream Tech.
- Nancy Gibbons, Nursery Director
- Logan Olson, A/V Director
- Arielle Munoz, Children's Director

## JAMAICA

### MISSION TEAM

The team invites you to partner with them to fill their suitcases with supplies for Westhaven Children's Home. They will be in the Gathering Space each Sunday through December with a list of needed items.



### BUDGET REPORT as of Nov. 26, 2023

YTD Giving	\$446,901.00
Under Budget	\$94,937.00

Experienced  
People in  
Christ

# EPIC

- **Thurs., Jan. 18th 4-5:30 PM**  
Food Packing - Nisswa  
followed by Tasty Pizza North

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE  
EVENTS ONLINE & INDICATE  
WHAT YOU WILL BRING

[crosslakeefc.org/epic](https://crosslakeefc.org/epic)

## Devotion - "I Have Come to Redeem the World"

submitted by: Pastor Mike Neumann

John 1:1-5

Typically when we think of Christmas, it's the stories from Matthew and Luke. Those tell of baby Jesus and the events surrounding His birth. John 1 starts from the very beginning: Jesus in creation. He then moves to tell how He was this light that came to a dark world.

Skip ahead in the Jesus story and we see Him riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. At that time kings would ride into cities on one of two animals: a donkey or a horse. A donkey was a sign of peace. After all, who is threatened by a donkey? This is emblematic of what Jesus' first trip to earth was about. He came to bring peace and to proclaim a message of repentance and restoration.

In John 3:17, while Jesus is talking to Nicodemus, He says, "I have not come into this world to condemn it, but to redeem it." In Luke 4 He quotes Isaiah in saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the blind, and to set the oppressed free."

As we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the Prince of Peace. He came to bring freedom and peace to humanity. At the same time, we anticipate when He will return on the horse. In this arrival, He brings conquest and comes to finish the fight against evil and usher in everlasting peace.

### — TLC LIBRARY —

Yes!!! Come and check out  
**"THE CHOSEN"**  
(3 Seasons) DVDs

### THIS COMING WEEK AT THE LOG CHURCH

#### SUNDAY - DEC. 24TH

- 8:30 AM Pre-service Prayer
- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Service

#### MONDAY - DEC. 25TH Christmas Day

— No Activities —

#### TUESDAY - DEC. 26TH

- 3:30 PM Bone Builders
- 7:00 PM AA Group

#### WEDNESDAY - DEC. 27TH

— No Wed. Night Activities —

#### THURSDAY - DEC. 28TH

- 3:30 PM Bone Builders

#### FRIDAY - DEC. 29TH

- 9:00 AM Mom & Child Connect

### MINISTRY UPDATES 2024

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Beginning Tues., Jan. 2, 6:30 AM  
"Malachi"

Facilitator: David VanNingen

#### Women's Tues. Morning Bible Study

Continuing Jan. 2, 9:30 AM  
"The Amazing Life of Jesus  
Christ-Pt.2"

Facilitator: Sue Hagberg

#### Men's Bible Study

Beginning Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 PM  
"BetterMan Defined: A Man Loves  
and Protects God's Woman"

Facilitator: Tim Terrill

#### Women's Wed. Night Bible Study

Beginning Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 PM  
"The Cost of Control"

Facilitator: Janet Mayer

For more information, please  
contact Karen Van Rooyen at  
952-994-5818.