

Friday - Dec. 29, 2023

TLC The Log Church Crosslake

CONNECT



Resolutions to Redemption

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It's "New Year's Resolution" time for 2024!

Let's begin by changing resolutions into seeking daily redemption instead. We have the perfect example to follow: **Jesus Christ**. We have the perfect guidebook: **His Word!** We have the perfect companion to strengthen our resolve: **His Spirit!**

Follow Him: *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus..."*

(Romans 15:5). We are to follow Christ.

As we pursue Him and seek to imitate His ways, we will move forward in our process of change. In following Jesus, we are on a path that moves forward one prayer at a time.

Repent Readily: *"But if they repent of their wicked lives, I will think twice and start over with them"* (Jeremiah 18:9, MSG). When we repent, God will start over with us.

When we repent and admit our shortcomings and sinfulness, God is faithful to forgive and make us clean again.

Pray Earnestly: *"Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere"* (Ephesians 6:18, NLT). Prayers are incredibly powerful. As we earnestly pray, we will find ourselves empowered by the one true source of power,

Enjoy the Journey: *"Then Hannah prayed: 'My heart rejoices in the Lord! Oh, how the Lord has blessed me!' Now I have an answer for my enemies, as I delight in your deliverance"* (1 Samuel 2:1, NLT). As we travel down the road of renewal, we are so

focused on the destination, that we forget to enjoy the journey. We may discover the journey can be enjoyed as much as the destination. God has planned a perfect path just for you.

Devour His Word: *"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to divide soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart"* (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word is the ultimate nourishment for our souls, and the map to follow on our journey down the path of new beginnings.

Be Open to His Truth: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"* (Proverbs 3:5). To hear God's truth, pray for an open heart and mind, know the truth, and obey the truth when you hear it. Be still and listen to Him.

Join together and Move Mountains:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:12-13). As we walk in faith with one another, we will find strength and support. We then can move mountains! We were never meant to "go it" alone. Jesus had 12 disciples. He knew the value of loving and supporting relationships. Let us learn from his example.

This New Year, let resolutions turn into our seeking redemption. Stay focused daily on the one guiding us: Jesus Christ Our Savior!

Amen and Amen

Happy
New year!

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.

WELCOME TO THE LOG CHURCH - DEC. 31ST



New Year's Resolutions

Join us as we reflect on who we are as a church and how that will effect the new year.



Did you know – not only do we support missionaries around the world – we support our local ministries too!

The radio station **The Word/ The Pulse** is January's Ministry of the Month. Their vision is to provide radio programming based on God's Word that will cultivate within each listener a desire to know and follow Christ. Tune in to 104.3 - The Pulse in the Brainerd Lakes area or 102.7 - The Word out of Pequot Lakes.

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



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.

JAMAICA MISSION TEAM

This is the last week to make donations for suitcase supplies.

THIS COMING WEEK AT THE LOG CHURCH

SUNDAY - DEC. 31ST

- 9:00 AM Pre-service Prayer
- 9:30 AM Worship Service

MONDAY - JAN. 1ST

New Year's Day

— No Activities —

TUESDAY - JAN. 2ND

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:30 PM Bone Builders
- 7:00 PM AA Group

WEDNESDAY - JAN. 3RD

- 6:30 PM Re-Engage

THURSDAY - JAN. 4TH

- 3:30 PM Bone Builders

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE JAN. 3rd Agenda

THERE WILL BE NO WNL ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP WED., JAN. 3RD Game Night



Since there's no KIDS CLUB, we are taking advantage of this opportunity and we are going to do night games. We will run 6-8:00 PM so we can maximize our time. This is a great time to invite friends and to be open to new people.

KIDS Club

WILL NOT MEET ON

Jan. 3, Jan.10

We will resume Wed., Jan. 17th

MINISTRY UPDATES 2024

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Beginning Tues., Jan. 16, 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.