

The Compass



The calendar has turned over to 2022, meaning that it is time once again for New Year's Resolutions! Many people will resolve to join a gym, eat better, be nicer to people, or any number of other noble pursuits. A good New Year's Resolution should be challenging to keep and produce a favorable enough result that keeping it is worth the work.

While coming up with an idea for this month's Compass article, I thought that I might write a New Year's Resolution for Cross Roads. One thing led to another, and I ended up writing it in a Robert's Rules of Order format used at our annual conference assemblies. The "WHEREAS" clauses in the resolution are adapted from one of my favorite liturgical creeds of the Church, The Apostles Creed, and then we finally get to the resolution part.

WHEREAS, God has created each and every one of us together with all that exists; and
WHEREAS, God daily and abundantly provides for and protects us out of pure and divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness of our own at all; and
WHEREAS, Jesus Christ is our Lord and has redeemed us, lost and condemned human beings; and
WHEREAS, Jesus Christ has freed us from all sins, from death, and from the power of evil with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death so that we may belong to and serve God; and
WHEREAS, We cannot by our own understanding or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to God, but instead the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens us and the whole church; and
WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit keeps us in the one common, true faith, forgives all sins, and on the last day will give to us and all believers in Christ eternal life: therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that Cross Roads Community United Methodist Church will work in 2022 to welcome people, seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people and groups that the church often overlooks; and be it further
RESOLVED, that Cross Roads Community United Methodist Church will work in 2022 to nurture people in faith, building their trust in the boundless love, grace, and mercy of God; and be it further
RESOLVED, that Cross Roads Community United Methodist Church will work in 2022 to serve people in helpful ways, showing the compassion of Christ in words and actions.

Peace to you and your family in this new year, and I look forward to keeping these resolutions together!

Resolved,

Pastor Leslie

P.S. Thank you all for the Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts! I am grateful for the love you show Don and me!

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Sunday January 2nd Worship ONLINE ONLY

January 2nd service will be ONLINE ONLY. You can find the link to our worship service under the "Worship" tab of our church website, www.crossroadsspicer.com.



Thanks to all of you who gave so generously and helped with our annual Christmas mission. We were able to provide meals for 10 families, gifts for 6 families and gift cards for an additional 16 families! That's a total of 26 families who have been blessed with your loving gifts.

Special thanks to Pat Evermann and her crew that made and sold winter pots to support BAH. Super shoppers, Kendra Pflipsen and Pat Solheid, did an excellent job of filling the wish lists and LuMae was wonderful support! The Tom Smith family provided the hams, making the Christmas dinner extra special.

Our prayer is that each of you be blessed by this mission!

Let's Praise God Together!!!

Banish the Winter blues and make some music!



We'll play once a month, on the third Sundays. Rehearsal will normally be the week before the third Sunday. Rehearsal times and day of the week are open for discussion based on the usual availability of interested musicians. The initial proposal is for

a Thursday night rehearsal from 6:30-7:30. Since we are forming a new group, we will need at least one additional rehearsal before our first Sunday of playing for the congregation.

Thursday January 6 6:30-7:30 rehearsal

Thursday, January 13 rehearsal 6:30-7:30

Sunday, January 16 8:30 run through music before service at 9:30

Questions or scheduling needs – contact Anita Flowe at anitaflowe@gmail.com or 336-504-4631

Coffee Corner

Our Cross Roads Coffee Corner is resuming in January! Our next event will be held on Wednesday, January 5 beginning at 9:00 am.

This small group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for anyone who would like to drop in and visit. Nothing is needed other than a desire for coffee and fellowship. We hope you will stop by sometime and say hello!



Save the Date!

Cross Roads will be hosting an Ice Fishing Tournament/Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 5th.**

More information will be available next week; however, for those who are interested and like to ice fish, please be sure to save the date.

Everyone is welcome, so be sure to share this date with all your friends, especially those who are not a part of our congregation!



BLOOD DRIVE



Cross Roads is hosting its first Red Cross Blood Drive! On Thursday, March 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Cross Roads will be hosting the blood drive in the Fellowship Hall.

What do we need from the congregation? Two things:

- 1) If you able to give blood, go the Red Cross website (click [HERE](#)) and put in your zip code to find our blood drive. Then sign up! You can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign up.
- 2) We need approximately 6-9 volunteers total (2-3 per shift) for two hour shifts to work the check-in desk and possibly help pass out refreshments.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jenny Daby at (320) 470-0518 or jennydaby5@gmail.com, or you can contact the church office or Pastor Leslie.

January Birthdays

Sheryl Nelson 4th

Jeanette Fixsen 9th

LuMae Ericson 10th

Scott Doty 13th

Pat Solheid 14th

Eric Bjolfald 15th

Brian Nelson 15th

Bud Ruhl 21st

Jodi Evenson 22nd

Judy Zachariason 22nd

Jordan Baker 26th

Kendra Pflipsen 27th

Leann Navratil 30th

Troy Rohloff 30th



*If we have missed your special day,
please let the office know.*

**Happy
New Year!**

A Note from our Admin Chair...

Christmas "Senses"

There's no doubt that having an on-line worship saved our church from collapsing when the pandemic hit and people were prohibited (and afraid) of gathering in person. There's no doubt that having an on-line worship keeps our snowbirds, college students and remote members connected to Cross Roads. There's no doubt that an on-line worship is great for those who are travelling, on vacation, ill, working or just unable to make it to in-person worship. There's no doubt that on-line worship will remain a valuable component of our ministry at Cross Roads.

But there's also no doubt that there is a special connectedness one feels when attending worship in person. Case in point -- the youth conducted all aspects of the worship service on December 11 in lieu of a more traditional Sunday School nativity/Christmas program. And, it was one of the highest attended services in many a while. (The youth did a wonderful job, by the way.) Being in church in person was an experience of the senses -- something you don't get when you worship on line. Except for maybe the parents and Pastor Leslie, we all felt amazement at how tall and how mature the kids have become! We could clearly hear the musical talents of Jaden Smith and Coltin Pfipsen as they each played guitar and sang, and the notes of "Away in a Manager" when Amarya Pahl played the piano (her first public recital). There was the taste of chicken that was eaten afterwards in the fellowship hall. There was the feeling of closeness and love that comes from worshipping together. But most of all, there was the sound of laughter that pealed out throughout the morning.

If you are listening to the service on-line, there are times on-line when you can hear a chuckle from the congregation or from Pastor Leslie (mostly as she picks on her husband Don!), but on Saturday, December 11, the laughter was loud and frequent and full of joy. If you were watching on-line, I don't think you got the full experience of camaraderie that those of us in attendance felt that Sunday morning. We were full of the spirit of Christ and full of the spirit of Christmas and full of the spirit of joy that comes with being with people you like, love, admire and respect.

On-line worship will always be with us and fills a niche that otherwise would go unfulfilled. It's now an integral part of who we are and how we worship at Cross Roads. But as we head into 2022, my hope is that if and when you have the opportunity to get to church in person, please do so. There's something special about being together, in person, as members of the family of God and his son Jesus Christ. Come in person and feel the spirit and join in the laughter if you are able!

Happy New Year to all. A great year is ahead of us!

With Christ's Love,

Pat Solheid

Admin Board Chair

The Cross Roads Mission

To help everyone find joy in their journey by:

Inviting everyone to walk with Jesus,

Growing together as His disciples,

Serving others we meet along the way

And Joyfully Celebrating the Journey



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