



# Cross+Road Lutheran Church

## JUNE 2009




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:30pm Band Rehearsal Church Worship Room	1:00pm Women of Faith Bible Study 6:30pm LSS Food Fight Touchdown Club	7:00pm Movie Night/ Worship Room	9:00am Work Day at St. John's Lutheran Church 10:00am H.S. Youth Tubing
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship VBS Decorating	7	8	9	10	11	12
	9:00am VBS	9:00am VBS	9:00am VBS 6:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Band Rehearsal Church Worship Room	9:00am VBS	9:00am VBS	
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:15am Property Team Meeting	7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00pm Council Meeting in Conference Room	6:30pm Band Rehearsal Church Worship Room	1:00pm Women of Faith Bible Study		
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Newsletter Articles Due	6:30pm Band Rehearsal Church Worship Room			
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	28	29	30			

THE NEWSLETTER FROM:  
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Pastors

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Cross+Road  
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**Where kids experience real teamwork,  
real service and real fun!**


**VBS: June 8-12.  
9:00 a.m.-Noon  
Age limits age 4 and up.**

**Questions?  
Please see Lauren Cole  
or Kris Karkkainen**

WE ARE LOCATED  
AT THE CORNER OF  
LAKESHORE DRIVE WEST  
AND COUNTY ROAD 220

COUNTY ROAD 220

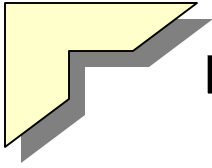
LAKESHORE DRIVE EAST



LAKESHORE DRIVE WEST

Worship Services  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
with Holy Communion  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**TO GATHER..  
TO EQUIP..  
TO SEND...**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the Day of Pentecost; you may remember that the Day of Pentecost is that day when the disciples were gathered in Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them, little tongues of fire rested on their heads, and they began proclaiming the gospel in the native tongues of all those gathered in Jerusalem. "Foreigners" and travelers would have been in Jerusalem at that time in observance of a festival. So, it should come as no surprise that God provided in order that all might hear the good news—not just the locals.

Often we church folks forget about the "foreigners" among us. We can start speaking our insider languages—like Lutherans and their green Jell-o or Cross+Roadians and our sign-up sheets—and forget that there are many among us who don't understand our local language; visitors come and need orientation to our ways and words. And on the larger scale, the Church has often expected people to come to us and want what we have to offer; the Church in North America has failed in the past to translate what it is we have to offer into a language that those new to church can understand.

This time of Pentecost reminds me that I am expected to speak about Jesus, to witness to his love by my actions, to give testimony to what God has done; and this time of Pentecost reminds me that I am expected to do so in the languages of those around me. I am required to do some of the hard work of translating rather than babbling on and on wondering why no one is listening.

The Good News is that the hard work of translating is not dependent upon how smart we are or even upon how much energy we have. God gives us, too, the Holy Spirit so that we might speak, so that we might love, so that we might be witnesses. Any of us can do so because the Spirit is poured out upon us all.

The Sundays after Pentecost are called just that: the season of Pentecost. But they have another name, too. They are often called the Sundays of Ordinary Time. Wouldn't it be great if our witness of love and our speaking of Jesus became just that—ordinary, regular, predictable? Why do so on only one day this summer? Let us all be about the translating and loving business regularly.

--Pastor Jim

## LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES SUMMER CAMPS

**Luther Springs, Hawthorne- Life Together  
Grandparents and their grandchildren- July 17 - 19 Cost: \$50**

Life together brings together grandparents and grandchildren for a weekend of faith sharing and relationship building. Grandparents develop skills and tools for mentoring. Grandchildren develop an appreciation for the history and traditions of families in faith.

This weekend will encourage the sharing of faith stories between grandparents and grandchildren, empower grandparents to become mentors, enable positive interactions between generations, and enliven relationships so that Life Together can be more meaningful.

**Luther Springs, Hawthorne—Mini Camp  
Completed Grades 1-2 July 19 - 24 Cost: \$210**

An exciting program designed especially for our younger campers! Come spend 3 days and 2 nights at camp packed full of activities such as Bible study, swimming, crafts, campfires, sports and hiking! Our campers completing second grade have the option of attending a Discoverers session if they enjoyed Mini-Camp.

**Luther Springs, Hawthorne—Maverick's Week  
Completed Grades 6-8 June 21 - 26 July 26 - 31 August 2 - 7 Cost: \$360**

Come enjoy an entire week at Luther Springs with our dynamic staff. Each week is packed full of hiking, camping, environmental education, swimming, sailing, canoeing, worshiping and learning together in a real Christian community! Learn about Jesus, make new friends, and create life-long memories!

**Visit their website [www.lomfla.org](http://www.lomfla.org)  
for registration and further information.**

**Lutheran Outdoor  
Ministries of Florida**  
3815 W. State Street  
Tampa, FL 33609  
Phone: 813.801.9600



**"To provide program and place for people of all ages to grow personally and spiritually through Jesus Christ in an outdoor setting."**

Newsletter Articles  
for July are due  
Tuesday, June 23rd  
E-Mail to  
crossrd@bellsouth.net  
or call 264-6575.



### STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

April 26 & 27

8:00 am Attendance=146  
10:30 am Attendance=159  
Mon Eve=15

May 3

8:00am Attendance=95  
10:30 am Attendance=135

May 10

8:00am Attendance=112  
10:30am Attendance=135

May 17

8:00 am Attendance=145  
10:30 am Attendance=167

**COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

### Financial Report Through May 22, 2009

Total Income=\$174,038.16  
Total Expense=\$198,029.44

Budget Income=\$170,528.89  
Budget Expense=\$200,070.37

Net Profit/Loss= -23,991.28

Average weekly  
regular giving=\$7,747.00

Capital Campaign  
Total Amt Rec'd=\$183,957.71

Complete detailed financial reports are  
available at the Church Office.



REMEMBER TO BRING  
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS  
FOR THE GREEN COVE  
SPRINGS FOOD PANTRY  
THERE IS A SHOPPING  
CART LOCATED IN THE  
NARTHEX FOR YOUR  
DONATIONS.  
THANKS FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!



### The Other Corner...Reflections from Pastor Jon

*“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the  
evidence of things not seen.”*

--Hebrews 11:1

Which comes first—the chicken or the egg, the please or the thank you, the action or the emotion? In a recent research study, college students were asked to make facial expression showing such different emotions as surprise, horror, delight, and fear. The research found that when the students looked afraid, their heart rates increased and their skin temperatures dropped. They noted similar observable reactions to the other emotions expressed.

The implication, of course, is that even pretended emotions become “real” when they are acted out. Action is the trigger. We have all heard the phrase, “fake it until you make it.” One of the early church fathers put it this way: “If you do not have faith, act as if you have faith, and faith will be given to you.” This wisdom goes beyond the practice of religious faith. It has application for every area of our lives.

There are many things that we have to take on faith each and every day. Take marriage for example. It doesn't take too long in a marriage relationship to realize that feelings ebb and flow. I'd like a dollar for every couple who have come to me for counseling who start by saying, “Where did the love go?” Most do not want to hear me say that love is not a feeling, it is a choice. That means that even when I don't feel like loving my spouse, if I simply act like I love them, even when such actions seem terribly artificial, then the feelings will eventually come. It is by doing what love is, by acting in faith of what is to be, that they become real.

We are called as Christians to walk by faith and not by feelings in every area of our lives. It is a harder way to live, but it is a much more fruitful way to live.

**High School "Chill Out" Tubing  
on the  
ICHNETUCKNEE  
RIVER**

**Saturday, June 6th.  
Meet at church 10:00 a.m.**

**Questions?**

**Speak with either Ms. Theresa  
or Jason Null.**



**Movie Night- Friday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m.**  
We will be showing the movie:  
"Facing the Giants".

The following ladies have very graciously agreed to hostess a table for our **3rd Annual Christmas Dessert**. The date will be **Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** If you would be interested in information about the dessert or to hostess a table please call either Pat McPhail (904-284-5802) or Sheron Walser (904-284-6615).



Our hostesses to date are Pat McPhail & Sheron Walser, Theresa Graeser, Elaine Townsend & Shirley Morphis, Carole Randall, Sarah & Marcy Stachowiak, Carleen Trisch, Brenda Robinson, Jennie Barnekow, Elaine Friedmann, Glenda Wester, Pam Tholen and Brenda Holland

THANK-YOU FOR DONATING TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND

May 3- Shirley Morphis in celebration of birthday on April 28

May 10-Elaine Friedmann in memory of her grandparents and Emil's father

May 17- Elaine Townsend in memory of her husband Bob

May 24- Thomas & Stacey Johnson in celebration of 9th Anniversary

May 31- Marcy Stachowiak in memory of Cliff Stachowiak

The cost for altar flowers is \$35. Please make a note in the memo line of your check or on offering envelope "Altar Flowers".



*Thank You* 



**Smallfish is coming to Jacksonville:**

**Saturday, June 6th 1:00pm & 3:00pm**

**Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church**

Lakeshore Location: 6595 Columbia Park Court, Jacksonville, FL 32258

This event is sponsored by Shepherd of the Woods as part of our "COMMUNITY FAIR"

**Saturday, June 6th, 2009 - 11am - 6pm**

**AND**

**Sunday, June 7th, 2009 - 11am - 6pm**

**Admission covers unlimited play and fun!**

\$2 children under 16 years old \$5 over 17 years old \$15 Maximum per Family

All food items 50¢ each!

Community Fair Features:

- Family Games \* Kids Games \* Adult Games
- \* Canoe & Paddle Boat Rides \*Fishing (catch & release!)
- \* Entertainment with a variety of music and bands
- + Special Activities

Call 904-641-8385 if you have questions

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help out by serving on a Worship Team.



Sign up sheet is available to volunteer to help with serious repair and beautification of St. John's Lutheran Church Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m. Questions?? Speak with Art Harnack.

Please remember to bring your Cross+Road Lutheran or personal coffee mug to church so that the kitchen can continue to cut back on the use of Styrofoam cups.



New phone directories of active members are available to be picked up at the back of worship. Please notify the church office (264-6575) or [crossrd@bellosuth.net](mailto:crossrd@bellosuth.net) if information needs corrected or added.



LUTHERAN  
SOCIAL  
SERVICES

## 19th Annual Jacksonville FOODFIGHT

Thursday, June 4, 2009  
(Jacksonville Municipal Stadium)

Each year volunteers representing the local restaurant community host an event called "The Jacksonville FOODFIGHT" that features 50 of Jacksonville's finest restaurants and beverage wholesalers/distributors who come together in friendly competition to "take a bite out of hunger" by raising funds and awareness for the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida. The 19th Annual Jacksonville FOODFIGHT will be held at the Crown Royal Touchdown Club from 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 4. More than 1,000 guests are expected to come out to enjoy the samplings provided by the best in the industry. All proceeds benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Make plans to join us and *Take A Bite Out of Hunger!*



*Go to [www.lssjax.com](http://www.lssjax.com) for more info.*

### Volunteer Opportunities Donating Items

The Sharing Place Thrift Store accepts all types of household items, furniture, office products, knick-knacks and collectibles, and clothing. We are in desperate need of twin mattresses and box springs and kitchen dinette sets for arriving legal refugees. To donate, call Linda Hale at 904.448.5995. For information, call 904.446.9560.

Some of the items donated to The Sharing Place will be used to help our staff in the Refugee & Immigration Services Program in their work to resettle refugee families who have arrived in the United States with little or nothing and our staff in the ACE Program. Any additional items donated will be sold to generate additional funds to help the people in need whom we serve.