



Mark Your Calendars for Crosstown!

Over the past few years, Woodlake has been in conversation with our mission partner, House of Prayer, about dissolving our two churches and becoming something new. We are now on the precipice of this new life together. In order to make way for this new ministry, the Shared Ministry Team and Woodlake Leadership board have decided that **our final worship as "Woodlake Lutheran Church" will be September 13th at 10am.** This will be a worship meant to both grieve what Woodlake was and to celebrate what Woodlake is becoming. Please contact Pastor Neal (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org) or Augie Schauer (schauers6@msn.com) with any questions.

We will begin the transition toward Crosstown Lutheran Church with Rally Sunday on September 20. On September 27, we begin our fall schedule. We look forward to this time to worship together as members of HOP and WL as we prepare for Crosstown Lutheran Church Charter Sunday, Sunday, October 25.

In Revelation 21:5 God declares, "See, I am making all things new." We are in the process of being made new as well. Come join us as we close one chapter and begin the next.

Sept. 13: Final Sunday of separate worship at Woodlake and House of Prayer

Sept. 20: Rally Sunday, one combined service at 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 27: New regular Sunday schedule begins:

- 9:00 Worship – Sanctuary/Organ/Piano/Choir/Traditional
- 10:00 Education Hour
- 10:45 Worship – Fellowship Hall/Guitar/Band/Modern

Crosstown-MICC Property Town Halls

Throughout the summer, the Shared Ministry Team has continued to work with MICC (Minnesota Independence College and Community) on a plan for a Town Hall conversation series (similar to our Lenten Conversations) to share detailed information with our congregations about a possible opportunity for ongoing partnership and change in ownership (sale / leaseback) for the Woodlake property. If you are unable to attend, contact either church office for a link to view the recording. Contact Brent King (brentgking8157@gmail.com) or Augie Schauer (schauers6@msn.com) with questions.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these important and informational discussion / feedback sessions on **Tuesday nights at 6:30pm at Woodlake:**

- **Sep 8:** MICC as a Missional Partner (how does the MICC partnership fit with Crosstown's mission)
- **Sep 15:** Partnership Details (meet MICC leaders to discuss building usage, finances, and answer questions)
- **Sep 29:** Transitions & Change (time together to live into change and discuss opportunities / drawbacks)
- **Oct 13:** Wrap Up (what we've heard, learned, and opportunity for additional questions)

Pastoral Update

Over the past several months, the Shared Ministry Team has been working to form Crosstown into what it will become. Unfortunately, a part of that includes making many painful decisions along the way. One of those painful decisions was to inform Pastor Micah that he was not selected as one of Crosstown's future pastors. Pastor Micah's last Sunday will be September 13th, and last official work day will be September 18th. We will use September 13th as a chance to both celebrate his time here and grieve what we've lost. More details to follow.

Please know this decision was made with a heavy heart and we offer nothing but gratitude for Pastor Micah and the work that he has done for Woodlake and its people. Please join us in saying "Thank you" to Pastor Micah for the ministry, love, grace, and leadership he has given to Woodlake during his time here. Woodlake was bettered by his presence, and we know God will continue to shine through him wherever he goes next.

Service and Justice Term of the Week

Continuum of Care: A program that promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The program provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

The coming week:

SUN AUG 30

10:00am | Worship - Sanctuary

12:00am | Godly Play Training - Fireside/Green Room

MON AUG 31

6:30pm | Monday Night Prayer Knitters via Zoom

TUE SEP 1

8:00pm | AA - Orange Room

WED SEP 2

8:30am | Matins Worship - Chapel

10:30 | Funeral Lunc Team Mtg - Fireside

7:00pm | AA Steps and Principles - Blue Room

THU SEP 3

FRIDAY SEP 4

8:00pm | AA (Big Book Step Study) - Orange Room

SAT SEP 5

SUN SEP 6

10:00am | Worship - Sanctuary