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# CrossCurrents

## Pastor's Perspective

The name of the first month of the year, January, comes from Roman mythology. Janus was a god depicted with two faces – one that looked forward and one that looked backward – who was believed to watch over comings and goings.

The one true living God does watch over our comings and our goings, our endings and our beginnings. The Psalmist writes, “The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

New Year's is a good time to remember this as we look both back and ahead. As I reflect on the year past, I have two overwhelming thoughts. First, how blessed we have been by God's faithfulness. It's been such a joy to watch the Lord at work in and through you by means of our many ministries. Cross of Christ is an active church, caring for one another, serving in our community and beyond, and growing in our calling as a missional congregation that desires to share the gospel with our neighbors and our world.

And my second thought is how blessed I am to serve with you and how excited I am for the year ahead. In our first year plus together, we've gotten to know each other, and we've forged a partnership committed to reaching out even more to be a good neighbor in our



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Crossroads community, in greater Bellevue, and beyond. This year we'll continue to strengthen and possibly expand our worship opportunities, enhance our worship environment through the completion of sound and lighting projects, learn more about who are neighbors are and how we might connect with them, host Congregations for the Homeless in May, send a team to northern Tanzania as our representatives to the Maasai people and especially the Girls School and local churches and medical clinics this congregation has partnered with for several years now, and much more – some of which only God knows of at this time!

January and the beginning of a new year is a time for looking back and looking ahead. It's a

time of new beginnings, a time to make bold plans and to dream big dreams. A Bible passage that is very meaningful to me is Jeremiah 29:11. Let me share it again with you as we enter 2016 together.

*“I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope-filled future.”*

I am excited about the ministry we shared in 2015. I am excited about the ministry possibilities of 2016. And I can't help but believe that God is excited, too. And why not? Being a worshipping, growing, caring, sharing, inviting church is God's plan for us. Last year. This year. Every year

Blessed to serve with you,

Pastor Dave

# Stewardship Play

Our next play will be presented:

Friday, April 15  
at 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday April 16  
at 1:00 p.m.

If you like to sing, play the piano or other musical instrument, laugh, ham it up, be on stage or back stage

helping with props, lighting, sound, live and recorded music ... join the group for a fun time! All who come will be included in a merry version of stewardship.

## CAST CALL

\* Stewardship Play  
2016!



The cast call will be  
Tuesday, January 12,  
at 7pm in the Library.



## UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join Pastor Dave as he leads Adult Faith Formation in January and February. We meet in the Library between worship services, beginning at approximately 10:15 and ending at 10:55. Pastor Dave's style is lively, fun, and approachable. You'll enjoy this learning opportunity. Here's the upcoming schedule:

**January 3-24**

Ruth: A Study in Faithfulness

**January 31**

Study Break

**February 7-28**

Angels and Demons:

Myths, Misconceptions and  
Biblical Meaning



## JANUARY SERMON SERIES – SET FREE! A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Freedom is the central theme of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church of Galatia. In January, Pastor Dave will be sharing a sermon series on this dynamic five-chapter book at both the Traditional and Mosaic worship services.

- January 3 Galatians 1 – Set Free from Our Past
- January 10 Galatians 2 - Set Free from Rigid Religiosity
- January 17 Galatians 3 – Set Free by Faith Alone
- January 24 Galatians 4 – Set Free to be Children of God  
(Reunion Sunday, one combined service at 10 am)



## TRAVEL “THIS LENTEN ROAD” THIS YEAR



We are on a journey during our Mid-Week Lenten worship services this year, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, as we travel several Biblical roads. Our series, “This Lenten Road” features interesting interviews of people and things encountered along the Road to Damascus, the Bethany Road, the Road to Jerusalem and others, along with reflections to help us focus on Christ along the way.

There will be two worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday, at noon and at 7 pm. Both will feature Imposition of Ashes and Holy

Communion.

### Wednesday Lenten Services

- February 10 The Road to Damascus  
*Ash Wednesday*
- February 17 The Road to the Wilderness
- February 24 The Road Home
- March 2 The Road to Jerusalem
- March 9 The Road to Jericho
- March 16 The Bethany Road

### Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers precede Wednesday Lenten services. Join us at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for supper, followed by worship at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.



# Cross of Christ Youth

Happy New Year!

I could wax poetic about the significance of a new year, a time when people often make promises to themselves for changing their own behaviors that they might find less than desirable. For me, though, January 1st always brings to mind the old hymn that ends with "Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace!"

Aside from hoping that you all experience significant amounts of grace in the New Year, I hope to actually SEE you all at a youth event! We have several coming up, so watch your email inboxes: the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive in January, a MLK Day service event, and a short YD retreat for you YDers. But the one I'm most excited about is in March--the Youth Quake

weekend. Youth Quake is a national program that brings Lutheran middle and high school students together for a weekend of fun, music, and late-night hang-out time. The Red Lion Hotel in Olympia might never be the same after that... and you might not, either! Info on signing up for that is in your email inboxes; if you don't see it there, email Kristie at [youth@cofclc.net](mailto:youth@cofclc.net).

Blessings to you all for another year of grace!--

*Kristie*

*P.S. Did y'all hear the coat drive total?!*

*Cross of Christ Youth collected 141 coats for the Bellevue Kids Care Coat Drive! You're amazing!*



**tacklehunger.org**

"Cross of Christ Youth will be collecting food in the month of January! Please place your donations into the box in the narthex."



# FINANCIALS

## Financial Report Month and YTD Ended October 2015

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
<b>Revenue</b>						
October 2015 General Fund Receipts	\$30,314	\$36,667	\$(6,353)	\$189,131	\$ 200,001	\$(10,870)
October 2015 Other Income	1,961	1,725	236	11,661	11,250	411
<b>October 2015 Total Income</b>	<b>32,275</b>	<b>38,392</b>	<b>(6,117)</b>	<b>200,792</b>	<b>211,251</b>	<b>(10,459)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
October 2015	41,278	38,110	(3,168)	221,122	228,428	7,306
<b>Net/Year to Date Net</b>	<u><u>\$</u></u> <u><u>(9,003)</u></u>			<u><u>\$</u></u> <u><u>(20,330)</u></u>		

## Financial Report Month and YTD Ended November 2015

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
<b>Revenue</b>						
November 2015 General Fund Receipts	\$38,825	\$38,858	\$(33)	\$227,957	\$238,858	\$(10,901)
November 2015 Other Income	2,788	1,725	1,063	14,449	12,975	1,474
<b>October 2015 Total Income</b>	<b>41,613</b>	<b>40,583</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>242,406</b>	<b>251,833</b>	<b>(9,427)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
November 2015	38,170	38,044	(126)	259,293	266,471	7,178
<b>Net/Year to Date Net</b>	<u><u>\$</u></u> <u><u>3,443</u></u>			<u><u>\$</u></u> <u><u>(16,887)</u></u>		

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## Lilleby Bequest Status

*As of 11/30/2015*

	Allocated	Dispersed	Remaining
<b><u>Benevolence - Synod Gift</u></b>	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0
<b><u>Global Mission</u></b>	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
<b><u>Outreach</u></b>			
Youth Director - 2yr Funding	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$0
New Worship Service Exploration	\$18,000		\$18,000
Future Outreach	\$32,000	\$94	\$31,906
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$101,000</b>	<b>\$51,094</b>	<b>\$49,906</b>
<b><u>Congregational Care and Support</u></b>			
Associate Pastor, Spiritual Health - 2yrs	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$0
Facilities and Safety Improvements	\$15,000	\$6,352	\$8,648
Future Support	\$6,000		\$6,000
<b>Total Congregational Care and Support</b>	<b>\$98,000</b>	<b>\$83,352</b>	<b>\$14,648</b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>			
Complete Sanctuary Lighting Project	\$50,000		\$50,000
Special Services Funding (Christmas etc.)	\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500
Future Sanctuary Improvements	\$20,000		\$20,000
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$74,500</b>
<b>Total Lilleby Bequest</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>	<b>\$170,946</b>	<b>\$189,054</b>

Associate Pastor and Youth Director funding are now in a Dedicated Ministry Staff account. Facilities and Safety Improvements include refinishing the chancel floor and new parking lot signage. Future Outreach includes \$94 to add a Facebook option to our website.

The Sanctuary Lighting project and exploring new worship services are in progress.

Contact Cyndee Kraiger at [cyndee@peremgmt.com](mailto:cyndee@peremgmt.com) with any questions.

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# JANUARY 31

## NEXT REUNION SUNDAY

### WITH HYMN SING –

In months with five Sundays, we gather together for one combined worship service and fellowship event. Like a faith family reunion, these Sundays are special

times to reconnect, build new

relationships, and praise the Lord in a unified voice.

Following one combined worship service at 10 am, we'll share some refreshments then re-gather in the Sanctuary for an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. We'll sing some of favorite standards chosen in advance, but there will also be a time for requests. So be looking through your hymnals and making plans to attend this special Reunion Sunday .

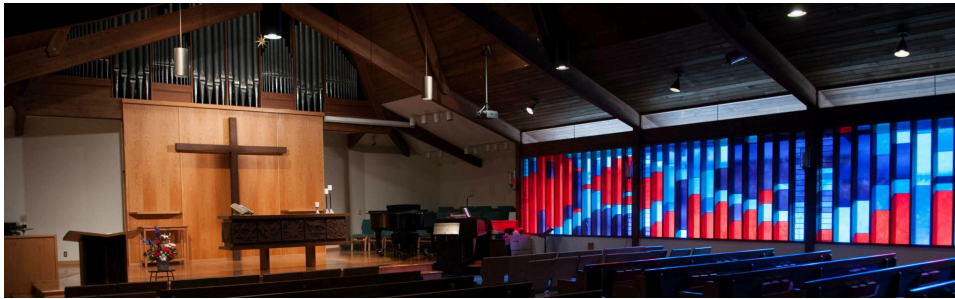


#### GIVING TREE

Members and Friends of Cross of Christ: We want to thank you for your outpouring of generosity during this holiday season, and especially for your tremendous response to our Giving Tree. Because of your generosity, 125 disadvantaged children received presents on Christmas morning. Parents who are struggling were able to select gifts they knew their children would enjoy, making this Christmas special for their children. Your kindness and thoughtfulness continue to represent our Congregation's desire to support missions for the less fortunate.



The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Bible Study now meets at 8 am . The group meets in the Library for one hour and then has a continental breakfast. Everyone is welcome.



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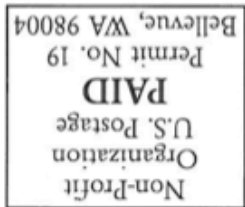
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