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## Crossings

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- Crossings, the community’s quarterly newsletter.
- A web site at <http://www.crossings.org>
- An internet List Serve with weekly postings of

### **Sabbatheology**

Text Studies posted every Monday based on the Revised Common Lectionary Texts for the upcoming Sunday.

### **Thursday Theology**

A weekly commentary on assorted issues related to Church Life today and/or the Common Good.

- Leaders for workshops using the Crossings Method to link faith and daily life.

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# Improving Christian Ministry

**A Workshop for the Faculty  
and Staff of Grace Lutheran  
Church and School**

**Friday, August 20, 2010**

**The Rev. Dr. Steven C. Kuhl  
Our “Crossings”  
workshop leader**

# Two Kinds of Sabbath Theology: One Cripples; One Mobilizes

**“Crossing” the gospel for the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost with the world we live in**



## **St. Luke 13: 10-17 THE CASE STUDY**

How does Jesus' healing of the crippled woman in this text cross over into our crippled lives?

## Staff Workshop

**Friday, August 20, 2010**

**8:30 – 9:00 am**      **Gathering/Registration**

**9:00 – 9:15 am**      **Prayer and Setting  
the Context**

**9:15 – 10:45 am**      **GROUNDING**

Delving into the text: Understanding the text as grounding, foundation of the gospel's meaning and impact in the life of a crippled women by way of the crossings diagnosis prognosis paradigm.

**10:45 – 11:00 am**      **BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:15pm**      **TRACKING**

Listening to a slice-of-life description (an example from [Gig: Americans Talk About Their Jobs at the Turn of the Millennium](#)) to identify how life “cripples” them and how they might view “healing.”

**12:15 – 1:00 pm**      **LUNCH**

**1:00 – 2:30pm**      **CROSSING**

Understanding how the “Grounding,” the message of Jesus, intersects with the slice-of-life in the “tracking.” How has the nature of the “crippling” been deepened and the need of Jesus' kind of healing heightened.

**2:30 – 2:45 pm**      **BREAK**

**2:45 – 3:15 pm**      **Wrap up and reflection:**

Tying together those “loose ends” so that we have learnings from the day more firmly in place. Time for questions and answers.

**3:15 – 3:30pm**      **Closing Devotion**



**The Crossings Community** exists to encourage and equip people (who already sense something the truth of living and dying) to die and live anew with Christ in the course of daily living and in the midst of worldly responsibilities.

### **The Crossings Method**

is a specific process for examining Scripture and ourselves. Once we have listened to the Word of God in the biblical narrative, we set our lives, our narratives, next to it and connect them, “cross” them, to understand how faith in that Word and daily life are interwoven.

### **We study the Bible by:**

- Looking for the text's own diagnosis of our human problem, then
- Checking the text once more for “Good News” sufficient to solve that problem, and then
- Examining how the text actually brings the Good News to “cross” the problem and solve it.

### **We study ourselves by:**

- Honestly telling the stories of our life.
- Retelling those stories through the diagnosis of the biblical text.
- Crossing those stories with the “Good News” of the biblical text.