

***The Follower***

*June 2017*



**635**Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **36**But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. **37**Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; **38**for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. **39**And this is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40**This is indeed the will of my Father that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’ John 6:35-40

**PASTOR’S CORNER**



Summer gives us a great opportunity to slow down and focus—if we take the opportunity! So, we are going to do that here at Cross of Calvary. In June and early July we are going to have a special focus on the Psalms. 150 hymns/prayers that you can find right smack dab in the middle of your Bible. But, often times they are overlooked. However, once you stop and take time to focus on them, they become precious treasures in your journey of faith.

When Martin Luther’s father died, he was unable to go back home for the funeral. Since he was just declared an outlaw, Luther was unable to travel freely. So, he locked himself in his room for three days. During those three days he read through the entire book of Psalms three times.

The Psalms cover the whole range of human emotion—joy, sadness, anger, confusion, excitement. There is literally “no stone left unturned” in the range of human experience. There is an authenticity that we need in our lives of faith. This is brutally honesty before God. People of faith calling out what they perceive to be “the good, the bad, and the just plain ugly”. As these emotions come pouring out, we realize that such honesty is what is needed on our journey of faith. There is nothing that we cannot come before God in prayer.

So, we will take a step back this summer. We will dig deep into this treasure and hopefully you will discover a lifelong companion on your faith journey!

God’s blessings for a wonderful month of June!

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Matt**

**PRAYERS OF HEALING AND STRENGTH**

***Prayer for: Submitted by:***

*Vonna Ledeboer A. Ledeboer*

*Diana Adkins B. Hennen*

*Jill Revolinski C. Mallak*

*Greg & Evelyn Rosenow T. Kadelbach*

*Leslie Sagedahl................................................................................................................Daren Sagedahl*

*Jenna Reynolds…………………………………………………………………………………………….Stan & Sue Malecek*

*Warren Mitchell……………………………………………………………………………………………………….Angela Cole*

*Emily Reetz………………………………………………………………………………………………..…Heather Thompson*

*Barb Gomarko………………………………………………………………………………………………………….Rod Osthus*

*Bert Budd………………………………………………………………………………………………………………Sharon Alton*

*Donna Greenwell…………………………………………………………………………………………………...Nancy Berry*

**Community and Church Information**

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will hold the 33rd Annual Quilt Auction July 22nd, 2017. Proceeds from this event go to our Annual Fund which allows up to provide fun, safe, quality camping and retreating opportunities for people of all ages who use any of our three camps.

Quilts: please delivery to camp by July 14th; viewing will be available online at wwww.gllm.org

Silent Auction: item must be brought to camp no later than 5:00 pm on July 20th.

Cash Donation: Checks may be sent to: GLLM, 9916 Lake Ave. S. Spicer, MN 56288.

More information is on the bulletin board on the east entrance.

**Renville County Human Services** is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foster parents to children who are in need of a home. Foster parents can be blended families, one or two parent families, retired or single.

The most important aspects of fostering a child is your willingness to provide a loving, safe and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time, share their gifts and talents and receive reimbursement for their dedication and service to children. Is it time to share your gifts and talents and become a foster parent?

Please call Bonnie Lund or Stacie Roxberg, Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to find out more about fostering a child.

**St. Cloud VAHCS and our Nation’s Veterans** would like to thank the Cross of Calvary Quilters for their generous donation of quilts valued at over $1,500.00. The quilts will be distributed to Veterans receiving care throughout the facility.

A former member at Cross of Calvary: Marv Peterson died on May 16th at his home in Sun City, AZ. If you would like to send a sympathy card to his wife Marge, stop in the office for the address.

**Dad’s Belgian Waffle Feed on Sunday, June 11, 9:00-1:00 pm, at the Renville Community Center.**

**This is a fund raiser for Renville Ambulance Service.  Menu: waffles, sausages, toppings, beverages.  
Free will offering.  Carry out plates available - $7.00.**

**Cross of Calvary Outreach Committee will be serving a lite dinner on Thursday evenings before service, starting at 5:00 pm. The dinner is a free will donation for missions. Dinner will be served every Thursday in June. (Starting on June 1st)**

**Coming up in June at Cross of Calvary**

June 1 – Last Breakfast Club

June 3 – Flemming wedding (off-site)

June 4 – BOLD High School Graduation

June 9 & 10 – Synod Assembly at Gustavus College

June 21 – Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION 9:00 – Tashia Johnson**

**USHERS 9:00 – Shannon Visser, Bill Miller, John Johnston & Chris Hanson**

**ACOLYTES: Carson Kubesh & Ashley Frank**

**ALTAR GUILD: Katie Bahl, Sue Erickson & Jody Steffel**

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**VBS is June 25th-June 29th, 2017**

****Meal starts at 5:30 and VBS starts at 6 or 6:30 and runs to 8:30

Please check out Cross of Calvary or Our Saviors Facebook page to register. Also, paper copies are available in the church office.

Many hands make this work light and there are a variety of crafts & fairly simple building projects. Any National Honor Society students seeking volunteer hours would be awesome and I am guessing that PM would offer faith elements for Confirmation students to help out as well.

**Summer Worship Time**

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

**Sundays at 9:00 am**

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  |  |  |  | **1**  Worship 6:00  Last Breakfast Club  Mission dinner @ 5:00 | 2 | 3  Flemming Wedding - offsite |
| 4  Worship 9:00  Communion  BOLD Graduation | 5  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 6  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 7 | 8  Worship 6:00  Mission dinner @ 5:00 | 9  Synod Assembly at Gustavus | 10  Synod Assembly at Gustavus |
| 11  Worship 9:00 | 12  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 13  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 14 | 15  Worship 6:00  Mission dinner @ 5:00 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  Worship 9:00  Communion | 19  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 20  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 21  Council Meeting at 7:00 | 22  Worship 6:00  Mission dinner @ 5:00 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  Worship 9:00 | 26  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 27  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 28 | **29**  Worship 6:00  Mission dinner @ 5:00 | 30 |  |

**GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary**

**Cross of Calvary** is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. ****

Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at **crossofcalvary.net**

2) Click on the **GIVE** button,

3) Click on **HERE TO GIVE**, then

4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your

recurring contributions.

Thank you for your contribution!!!

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**June Birthdays**

06/01 Patricia Aalderks 06/10 Susan Meyer 06/21 Karen Revier

06/01 Gary Beltz 06/10 Danielle Larson 06/21 Amanda Steffel

06/01 Sandy Schlomann 06/10 Ethan Sullivan 06/21 Michael Kingstrom

06/01 Mathew Crow 06/10 Samuel Welchance 06/21 Hunter Baumgartner

06/01 Amber Enestvedt 06/11 Michael Steinbeisser 06/24 Kevin Schwer

06/01 Kyle Frank 06/12 Sue Wagemaker 06/25 Lynette Blem

06/02 Charlene Norris 06/12 Leslie Adamski 06/25 Ronda Berg

06/02 Zachary Kopel 06/13 Sharon Malecek 06/26 Cole Schwer

06/03 Jennifer Mertz 06/13 Todd Weber 06/26 Mark Neubauer

06/04 Anthony Boen 06/13 Christopher Johnson 06/26 Finley Bruns

06/04 Sydney Slagter 06/13 Thor Bergren 06/27 Kathy Brown

06/04 Jack Gross 06/13 Paisley Gilberts 06/27 Tracey Johnson

06/05 Craig Mages 06/16 Sheldon Hatch 06/27 Kristi Vesterby

06/05 Spencer Helmer 06/16 Katie Osthus-Tuthill 06/27 Jaime Morse

06/06 Randy Mertz 06/16 Whitney Trongard 06/27 Cole Mertens

06/06 Laila Ridler 06/18 Vonnie Wertish 06/28 Bonnie Triplett

06/06 Leo Adamski 06/18 Erick Fennern 06/28 Steve Altmann

06/07 Lane Wacek 06/18 Karrie Jansen 06/28 Alex Neubauer

06/07 Deb Person 06/18 Lisa Meints 06/28 Hanna Larson

06/07 Greg Mertens 06/18 Andy Bahl 06/29 Willian Nere

06/07 Maddison Jensen 06/19 Chris Revier 06/29 Maegen Honzay

06/09 Ben Mitchell 06/19 Joseph Mikosch 06/30 Margaret Flemming

06/09 Bennett Trochlil 06/20 Summer Hennen 06/30 Matthew Hausken

06/09 Miranda Boen 06/30 Samantha Newland

Mission

Paraguay Missionaries

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes for: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

(X) Dana Boen 2020 (X) Jon Hawkinson 2018 (X) Eric Skeie 2019\*

(X) Curt Sather 2020 (X) Bobbi Kopel 2018 (X) Natasha Johnson 2019\*

(X) Jill Hanson 2020 (X) Paul Buhr 2019 (\_) Michelle Jensen 2019\*

(X) DeeAnne Newville 2020\* (X) Gordon Blem 2019 (X) Lisa Meints

(X) Steve Altmann 2018 Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)

\*Second term

**STAFF**

(X) Pastor Matt Hausken ( ) Minister of Faith Formation (X) Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

# AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- ***President Eric Skeie***
2. Devotions –***Gordy Blem***
3. Approve minutes of the ***April meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Curt Sather, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports given by Curt Sather*–****April -*** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Jill Hanson, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report
6. Year end – Graduation, etc., all went well
7. Breakfast Club will end on June 1st.
8. Confirmation for next year – Pastor Matt will be working on the curriculum and will continue throughout the summer
9. Basic Summer activities will be happening this summer: such as camps, VBS, plus the TIM convention

* TIM: (Names listed at the last meeting) – The convention will consist of Youth Leadership & Ministry to be brought back to Cross of Calvary and hopefully implemented.
* $1200 grant from TIM to pay for registration.

5. National Youth Gathering – Pastor Matt is working with Ashley Gilbertson. Pastor Matt will be traveling to Houston in November to start setting up for the National Gathering

1. Minister of Faith Formation’s report

• Update on hiring AIM position/discussion

* Slow on receiving interviewers, the council discussed having an intern until the position can be filled, maybe even help pay for an individual to go to school while working at the church. (discussion only)
* Council is looking for continuity for the church, our purpose will be to stay focused for a long term position

Hopefully to have someone in place by September or revisit the churches options and maybe widen the search pool

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Youth Ministry - Sunday School ended with the students singing at service.

2. Equipping the Congregation - none

3. Outreach – The committee will be doing Thursday Service dinners in June again this year. Motion to approve by Natashia Johnson and seconded by Jill Hanson – motion passed.

1. Backpack program will receive &750.00
2. Duffle Bags: bags will be for foster children ages 10-17. The bags will consist of items for individual children to help them transition with their foster parents. Motion made to aid this charity was make by Natashia Johnson and seconded by Jill Hanson, motion passed.

4. Administration – A parsonage committee was formed to handle small incidentals for Matt and Sarah. The committee will help

with repairs etc. The committee consists of: Gordy Blem, Dave Altmann, Bob Erickson, Mark Thiesse and

Keith Larson. The group will work on the shingling of the parsonage plus find information about whether to

Re-side or paint the parsonage. Sheldon Pentz will be shingling, the shingles will be purchased at Square One.

Work comp. and insurance forms will be gathered by Curt Sather before the projects starts.

5. AED Maintence – Steve checked.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Sign: There have been a few bumps with the building inspector, but a permit was granted. There is a higher cost to the sign project due to inspector safety factors.

There are pallets of old brick on the west side of the church. Anyone can take them, but we are asking a free will donation.

* Roof details – see Administration
* Outreach will be serving a meal before the Thursday service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Open position on church council

-The council accepted the resignation of Michelle Jensen. She has resigned from the council due to conflicts with her new work schedule. (Note from Michelle: I have enjoyed my time on the council. It has fulfilled a spiritual purpose that I had been seeking. I am proud of our council and the time everyone devotes toward our church.

I am especially grateful for the council and our entire church family that supported my family over the past few difficult years as we struggled with my cancer diagnosis and other struggles. I have served the council proudly and hope that by giving my resignation that another member of the church can better volunteer their time.)

* Lisa Meints has accepted to take over Michelle’s position until the next annual meeting.
* A motion to accept Michelle Jensen resignation and approve Lisa Meints new role was made by Curt Sather and seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed
* Maple Trees by the Community Garden should be removed – the council asked anyone who is working in the garden to help with this project.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm

June Communion: Tashia Johnson

June Devotions – Tashia Johnson

No July Meeting

Adjourn/Close in prayer.