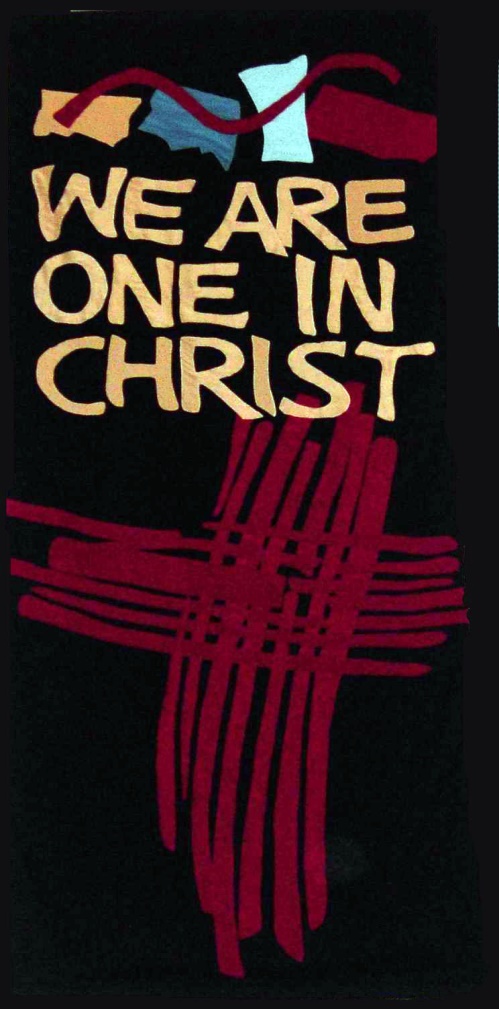


***The Follower***

*May 2017*



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23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Galatians 3:23-29**

**PASTOR’S CORNER**



It seems hard to believe but May is already here. With May there is a whirlwind of activity—graduations, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, colleges and schools ending for the year. It seems like we are consumed with end of the (unofficial) year events. Then summer hits. Which can mean even more running or just simply relaxation. Either way there is a change of pace and we can feel it.

What I would like to recommend is choosing to slow down. Relax. Use the summer as your Sabbath. Now this doesn’t mean not doing stuff, but take it slower than you normally would. Enjoy the gift of the warmest season that God gives to us here in Minnesota. Rest and take in the wonders that are literally all around us that God has given for us to enjoy. Slow down. Don’t rush past these gifts. Then don’t forget to give thanks to God for these gifts.

Try making this summer the summer of Sabbath. Rest in God’s grace. Be renewed in God’s grace. And, when September hits I would be willing to say that you will come into the busy months rested, renewed, and ready to go.

God’s blessings for an amazing month of May filled with God’s grace!

**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*

**MAY VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION 8:30 – Eric Skeie 10:30 – Eric Skeie**

**USHERS 8:30 – Nathan Cole, Rod Osthus & Jon Hawkinson**

**10:30 – Duane & Karen Flom, David Torkelson**

**ACOLYTES: Caeden Gluesing & London Prokosch**

**ALTAR GUILD: Karen van der Hagen & Angie Boen**

**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.

**Marriage Retreat**

Cross of Calvary will be hosting a marriage retreat for both engaged to be married and married couples. (Engaged couples this is a requirement) The retreat will be Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm. The cost is $50.00 per couple, which includes the retreat inventory and a meal. Please sign up on the sheet on the board or contact Cross of Calvary to register. 320-523-1574

**Annual Pork Chop Dinner** at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian on Friday, May 5th from 4:30 to 7:00.

Meal features: “Famous Don’s” grilled Pork chops, baked potatoes, Cole slaw, vegetable, bread/butter, beverages and a variety of homemade desserts. Cost: one chop dinner = $10 and two chop dinner - $13.

“Enjoy first grilling of the season!!!”

**Hospice Community Memorial Service** on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Location: the Redwood Area Hospital Education Room in Redwood Falls, MN. This memorial service is open to anyone in the community who would like to remember loved ones.

**American Legion Post #186** will be having a Sunday Brunch fundraiser for the BOLD/AMERICAN Legion baseball. Sunday, May 7th: serving from 8:00 – 1:00 pm, including pancakes, eggs & sausage. – Free will offering!

**Fundraising for the new sign at Cross of Calvary on Highway #71 has reached its financial goal!**

**Thank you everyone for the donation and help with this project.**

**The sign is scheduled to be in place by the end of July.**

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**VBS is June 25th-June 29th, 2017**

 (Meal starts at 5:30 and I believe VBS starts at 6 or 6:30 and runs to 8:30)

There is a VBS planning meeting for anyone interested in helping out with leadership role on February 28th at 7pm at Our Saviors.

March 14th and 28th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

March 25th: Work day from 10-4 at Our Saviors

April 6th and 20th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

May/June TBD if needed

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.

Last day of Sunday school: May 14th – students will be singing at 9:00 am service.

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

May 3 – Altar Guild Meeting at 7:30 pm

May 6 – All day Marriage Retreat

May 7 – LYO Banquet (3:00-6:00 pm)

May 13 – Flemming Shower – 2:00-4:00 pm

May 14 – Senior Recognition Sunday

Last day of Sunday school

Sunday services start at 9:00 am

May 17 – Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

May 18 – Thursday night services start at 6:00 pm

May 29 – Office closed; Memorial Day

| ◄ | **May 2017** | | | | | ► |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  | **1**  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | **2**  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | **3**  Altar Guild Mtg. 7:30 pm | **4** | **5** | **6**  Worship 5:30 pm  **Marriage Retreat 9:00-3:00** |
| **7**  Worship 8:30/10:30  Communion  Baptism - Nelson  **LYO Banquet 3-6** | **8**  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | **9**  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | **10** | 11 | 12 | **13**  Last Worship 5:30 pm  Flemming Shower 12:00-4:00 |
| **14**  Worship 9:00  Last Sunday School 9:30  **Sr. Recognition** | **15**  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | **16**  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | **17**  Council Meeting at 7:30 | **18**  Worship 6:00 | **19** | **20**  Tables & Chairs used for a graduation |
| **21**  Worship 9:00 am  Communion | **22**  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  information  Ruth Bible Study 1:30 at Parkview | **23**  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | **24** | **25**  Dorcas Bible Study at Masters – 10:00  Worship 6:00 pm | **26**  Tables & Chairs used for a graduation | **27** |
| **28**  Worship 9:00 am | **29**  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Office Closed | **30**  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | **31** |  |  |  |

**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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**May Birthdays**

**05/01 Mindy Trunnell 05/11 Kaitlin Opdahl 05/22 Sadie Gross**

**05/01 Hannah Knudson 05/11 Hensley Helin 05/24 Sheila Roelike**

**05/01 Haley Pietig 05/12 Ben Whited 05/24 Ethan Fischer**

**05/01 Ethan Weis 05/13 Lori Brustuen 05/25 Kyle Schlomann**

**05/01 Peyton Weis 05/13 Katy Holland 05/25 Amber Thorpe**

**05/01 Shelby Stovern 05/13 Kelsey Dale 05/23 Matthew Sullivan**

**05/02 Nancy Bellig 05/13 Daniel Johnson 05/26 Amarii Jimenez**

**05/02 Kelsey Brustuen 05/13 Brackstan Kittelson 05/26 Isabella Clarin**

**05/02 Aaron Kopel 05/14 Betsy Hennen 05/27 Casey Elfering**

**05/02 Zander Metteer 05/14 Amy Fliflet 05/27 Carly Sigurdson**

**05/03 Heidi Morse 05/14 Carla Flemming 05/27 Cody Sunvold**

**05/03 Jesse Mages 05/15 Bernie Johnson 05/27 Jackson Hebrink**

**05/04 Eric Vogt 05/15 Gordy Blem 05/28 Laura Walberg**

**05/04 Jamie Lothert 05/15 Emily Iverson 05/28 Terry Mathison**

**05/04 Michael Weilage 05/16 Dana Boen 05/28 Sonia Grasmon**

**05/04 Turner Padrnos 05/17 Mackenzie Carlin 05/28 Leah Johnson**

**05/04 Kenly Elfering 05/18 Karen Flom 05/28 Tyler Amsden**

**05/05 Brantley Ostby 05/18 Andrew Amsden 05/30 Leif Hausken**

**05/06 Dick Hatch 05/18 Madison Perkins 05/30 Gracie Johnson**

**05/06 Kaley Wertish 05/18 Avery Kingstrom 05/30 Elijah Suess**

**05/07 Jamie Stryker 05/18 Bryce Johnson 05/31 Peg Vesterby**

**05/08 Gavin Flom 05/19 Bill Kopel 05/31 Larry Meyer**

**05/09 Damon Bratsch 05/20 Dotty Schnobrich 05/31 Derek Stovern**

**05/09 Luke Johnson 05/20 Kole Holland 05/31 Derrick Bahl**

**05/10 Jan Wogen 05/20 Gavin Johnson 05/31 Koby Brustuen**

**05/10 Brittany Johnson 05/21 Alma Wallert**

**05/10 Olivia Hanson 05/21 Ava Stratton**

**05/10 Abby Stovern**



**Summer Worship Time**

**Thursdays - starting: May 18th at 6:00 pm**

**Sundays - starting: May 14th at 9:00 am**

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes for: Wednesday, April 19, 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 (\_) Paul Buhr 2019 (\_) Michelle Jensen 2019\*

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

(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 –***Jon Hawkinson (Holy Spirit)***
3. Approve minutes of the ***March meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Bobbi Kopel, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports given by Curt Sather*–****March -*** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy Blem, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report
6. National Youth Gathering – looking into transportation costs
7. Next year confirmation curriculum will be written by Pastor Matt, he will be gathering a group to discuss ideas for the curriculum. Curriculum will be worked on over the summer months. (the curriculum will be for a 2 year period)
8. T.I.M. retreat will be this summer. Pastor Matt has a group of CofC teens that will be going with him (Olivia Hanson, McKenna Lilja & Alex Revier – looking for a 4th student)
9. Blessing Box will be placed in Olivia; each Olivia church will be responsible for a month’s donation.
10. Minister of Faith Formation’s report

• Update on hiring AIM position/discussion

1. One person to interview so far (Call committee personal: Chet Boen, Heidi Gross, Jeni Skeie, Angela Cole, Mark Iverson & Gordy Blem)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Youth Ministry- see above

2. Equipping the Congregation - none

3. Outreach – The committee will be doing Thursday Service dinners in June again this year.

It was discussed to begin working with the county to provide comfort meals to foster families after they have received a foster child. The committee will bring more information to the meeting next month.

They also talked about a duffle bag for children going into foster care, with items such as toothbrush, paste, clothes, etc.; each duffle would be age appropriate. A temple talk will be done soon. A motion was made by Jon Hawkinson to start the process and get involved, second by Curt Sather – motion passed.

1. CCOC, summer stretch-$100, Santa’s Closet-?, Quilters would like another sewing machine, split cost with them for $475.

4. Administration – short discussion about plans for the library area, since the books have been moved out; discussed what to do, no decision

was made.

5. AED Maintence – Steve checked.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Update on dollar amount for new sign - $29,413.00 (estimate) (As of 04/17/2017)

-The sign has reached its financial goal. The sign will hopefully be up by the end of July. Charlie Baumgartner will be working on the base. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project, especially Gordy Blem.

**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
* Roof details – hand out
* More bids will be brought to the council next month
* Youth Saving account in to scholarships
* The extra money in a youths account after they have graduated can be used for post-secondary books, passed to another family member, passed to another students account or given as a donation and would be put into Youth Gathering chaperone account. A motion was made by Jill Hanson and seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.

(Below is information only)

* End of Saturday service on May 13th-start of Thursday service on May 18th at 6:00 pm
* Last Sunday services on May 14th at 8:30 & 10:30 – Start of 9:00 am service on May 21st
* Last Sunday School day May 14th
* May 6th – all day marriage retreat
* May 14th – Senior Recognition Sunday

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm

May Communion: 8:30 – Eric 10:30 – Eric

May Devotions – Gordy

**Adjourn / Close in prayer.**