

The Follower

November 2017



Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong". Let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
- Henry Smith*



The words of this song are familiar to us at Cross of Calvary. We sing them about once a month as the ushers bring our offerings to the altar. As we move towards Thanksgiving we turn our thoughts to what we are thankful for. This song was written by Henry Smith who had little to be thankful for. He could not find work and he was suffering from a degenerative eye disease that would eventually leave him blind. Yet one Sunday morning he heard his pastor read 2 Corinthians 8:9,

"You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich."

Henry was struck by the generous act of Jesus to come to earth and give his life for us. He wrote this song and sang it at his church. A military couple took the song with them to Germany and the song spread in popularity throughout Europe. Eight years later Henry heard the song on an album of Christian worship songs. He contacted the record label and told them he had written the song. They were thrilled to hear from him because they had no idea where the song had come from. Henry's song has been translated into many languages and encourages Christians throughout the world.

This is how God works. People experience the love, hope and redemption of God and share it in whatever way they can. Whether we're sharing a song, a recipe, a word of consolation, or a listening ear, God takes our grateful response to God's word and does incredible things. Thanks be to God.

Parish Minister
Sarah Hausken



Thanksgiving Worship Times

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm

No Worship on Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26th will be at 9:00 am only



Worship Times

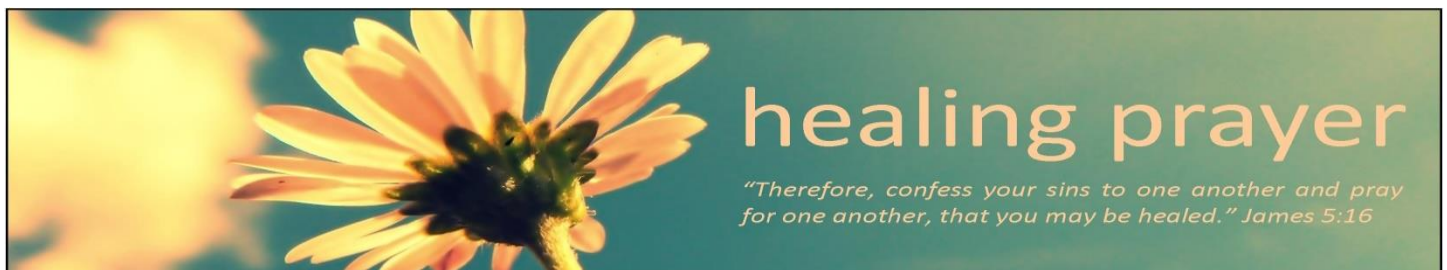
Saturdays 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30

Sunday School 9:30 am

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION	8:30 – Bobbi Kopel
	10:30 – Dana Boen
USHERS	8:30 – Ron, Becky & Reed Nelson
	10:30 – Tom & DeeAnne Newville
ACOLYTES:	Cam Larson & Madison Zupke
ALTAR GUILD:	Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing



Prayers for:

Vonna Ledeboer
 Diana Adkins
 Leslie Sagedahl
 Warren Mitchell
 Emily Reetz
 Elaine McDowell

Barb Miller
 Cleve Fults
 Jenna Reynolds
 Barb Gomarko
 Kent Kircher

Janice Gass
 Jill Revolinski
 Clayton Erickson
 Joy Adkins
 Jane Johnson

Congregation News

Junior High Youth Gathering

6-9th Graders will be participating in the Synod's Jr. High Gathering November 17-18.

WOW (Wonders on Wednesdays)

4-6th graders are invited to join us for WOW! BOLD students can ride bus 3 to church on Wednesdays. We have a snack, enjoy some free time together, sing, act out Bible stories and experience interactive prayer. WOW ends at 5:00 pm.

1-3rd Grade After School Program

Our monthly after school program for 1-3rd graders will take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month and go until 5:00 pm. BOLD students can take bus 3 to church for snack, games, Bible stories, songs and more!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is meeting with 10-12 graders every Thursday morning at 7:07 am at Cross of Calvary. First Thursday of every month will meet at Masters.

Women's Bible Study: Days are Sunday at 9:30 am, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:15 am. Note in time change: October 31st the meeting time is 8:30 pm.

Also, there will be no Bible Study the week of November 19 – 25.

Papa Murphy pizza sales end November 5th at noon, please have all money and forms to the church office that day. Pick up for pizza is November 19th from 11:30 – 1:00 pm, at the church.

TIM Team: Sunday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

***We welcome the 2017 Confirmation Class into adult membership at Cross of Calvary
Sunday, October 29 at the 10:30 service***

*Jordan Daniel Amberg
Parents: Dan & Robin Amberg*

*Tucker Dean Amberg
Parents: Pete & Tara Amberg*

*Olivia Johnston Hanson
Parents: Chris & Jill Hanson*

*Hanna Grace Larson
Parents: Keith & Stacey Larson*

*Trent Allen Paulsen
Parents: Michelle Ryan & Randy Paulsen*

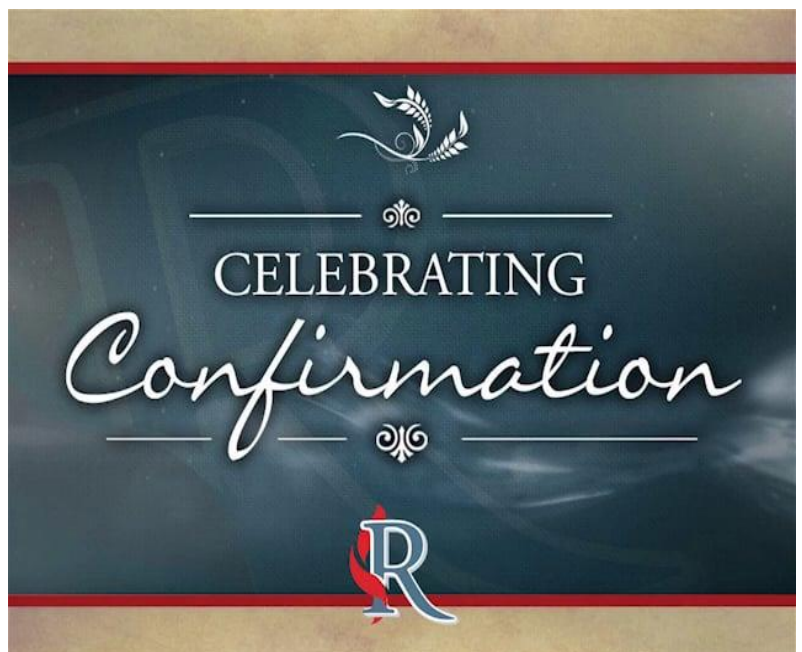
*London Katrina Prokosch
Tracey & Dale Prokosch*

*Brady Roger Ridler
Parents: Roger & Tonia Ridler*

*Jordan John Sagedahl
Parents: Daren & Melissa Sagedahl*

*Ashley Sophia Rae Trongard
Parents: Dave & Kathy Altmann, Scott Trongard*

*Brenna Lea Weis
Parents: Curt & Jody Weis*



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 Women's Bible Study at 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	1 WOW 3:00 Confirmation	2 Women's Bible Study at 8:15 am Breakfast Club 7:07 am	3	4 Worship 5:30 Baptism
5 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 1st Communion Sunday (both services) -All Saints Sunday -Baptism (10:30) -Communion Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am	6 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Women's Bible Study at 7:30 pm	8 WOW 3:00 Confirmation -Altar Guild Mtg. 7:30 Altar Guild Meeting at 7:30 pm	9 Breakfast Club 7:07 am Women's Bible Study at 8:15 am	10	11 Worship 5:30
12 Worship 8:30 & 10:3 Youth Band & WOW Choir sings Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am	13 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am -1-3 Gr. After School Program from 3:15 – 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study at 7:30 pm	15 WOW 3:00 Confirmation -Council Mtg. 7:30	16 Breakfast Club 7:07 am Women's Bible Study at 8:15 am	17 Jr. High Youth Gathering	18 Worship 5:30 -Jr. High Youth Gathering Wedding-Flemming & Lundstrum
19 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am Communion Gideon Sunday No Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am	20 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	21 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am No Women's Bible Study at 7:30 pm	22 WOW 3:00 No Confirmation Dorcas 9:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm	23 Breakfast Club 7:07 am No Women's Bible Study at 8:15 am	24	25 No Worship 5:30
26 Worship 9:00 am only	27 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Ruth 1:30	28 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Women's Bible Study at 7:30	29 WOW 3:00 Confirmation -Advent season begins Service at 7pm	30 Breakfast Club 7:07 am Women's Bible Study at 8:15 am	1	2 Worship 5:30 Wedding – Clement/Lippert

November Birthdays

11/01 – Arlis Shockley	11/10 – Linda Brown	11/19 – Kaylie Weilage
11/01 – Jeff Padrnos	11/10 – Curtis Schroer	11/20 – Mark Grasmon
11/01 – Tim Abrahamson	11/10 – Sue Erickson	11/20 – John Beckman
11/01 – Scott Revier	11/10 – Brian Reese	11/20 – Chad Amsden
11/01 – Madeline Ridler	11/10 – Alexis Johnson	11/21 – Danna Mikosch
11/02 – Roger Ridler	11/12 – Bruce Maurice	11/21 – Ingrid Dietrich
11/02 – Kenneth Meints	11/12 - Natasha Johnson	11/21 – Kyndra Sing
11/02 – Stephanie Malvin	11/12 – Alyssa Ryan	11/22 – Tom Jansen
11/02 – Kylie Erickson	11/13 – Jason van der Hagen	11/22 – Dawn Gluesing
11/03 – McKenna Jensen	11/14 – Kris Enestvedt	11/23 – Pat Ryan
11/05 – Wayne Maurice	11/14 – Michael Senger	11/23 – Haley Torkelson
11/05 – Chris Gatsche	11/ 14 – Jeremie van der Hagen	11/23 – Kohen Youngkrantz
11/06 – Virginia Draheim	11/14 – Carter Serbus	11/24 – Gina Amsden
11/06 – Ken Ziesmer Sr.	11/15 – Elaine Julius	11/25 – Brian Kingery
11/06 – Larry Baumgartner	11/15 – Curt Sather	11/25 – Nicholas Revier
11/06 – Alexandra Revier	11/15 – Gaylord Johnson	11/26 – Robert Berry
11/07 – Todd Fostvedt	11/17 – Amanda Gass	11/26 – Jonathan Kircher
11/07 – Taylor Amsden	11/17 – Nancy Hague	11/27 – Kevin Schultze
11/07 – Rylee Boen	11/17 – Melissa Sagedahl	11/28 – Debra Folkerts
11/08 - John Johnston	11/17 – Amanda Kopel	11/28 – Kessly Bohm
11/08 – Roger Cooper	11/17 – Jordan Sagedahl	11/29 – Emy Elbert
11/08 – Jody Weis	11/18 – Frances Herman	11/29 – Jena Bruns
11/08 – Adam Honzay	11/18 – Dan Beckler	11/29 – Tyler Matti
11/08 – Travis Suess	11/18 – Taylor Wertish	11/30 – Elaine McDowell
11/09 – Taesia Rae Hackmann	11/18 – Dylan Hildahl	11/30 – Wayne Enestvedt
	11/18 – Nathan Thomas	11/30 – Mia Kingery
	11/18 – McKenna Gross	11/30 – Kayne Fischer
	11/18 – Nolan Grund	



Please pray for our Missionaries

**Paraguay Missionaries
The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family**

**Bolivia Missionaries
Paul and Jay Mikaelson**

Community Events

Safe Avenues annual fundraiser “Make a Difference” Event is on Friday, November 17th at 6:00 pm at Max’s Grill in Olivia! The fundraiser is held to raise awareness and support efforts to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in our Renville County Outreach Program.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater will be holding their annual Uffda Day on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. At our bazaar we will have handmade gifts and crafts, gently used puzzles, farmers market with fresh produce, Wayne's peanut brittle, baked goodies including Scandinavian treats and lefse, quilt raffle and more. Morning coffee will be served from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and a Scandinavian meal will be served from 10 a.m. to noon. The Scandinavian meal includes: open face sandwich (rullepølse, turkey or ham), chicken wild rice soup, fruit soup, rømmegrøt, lefse and specialty cookies. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship.

Zion Lutheran Church at 228 NW 5th Street, Buffalo Lake is hosting a Lutefisk/Swedish Meatball Supper: Sunday, November 19th, serving 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Menu: Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs with mushroom gravy, corn, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, cream sauce and melted butter, lefse and dessert. Adults: \$15.00, Ages 5-12 \$8.00 and 4 years and under: Free. Family style dining plus take outs available.

22nd Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper. Thursday, November 16th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. At Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Menu: Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse and all the trimmings! Cost: Adults - \$13, under 12 - \$5 and preschoolers free.

Share the Spirit of Santa’s Closet: Join us at the CCOC in Olivia on Wednesday, November 1, from 9am – 3 pm for Hot Chocolate & Special “K” Bars. Free Will Donation for “Blankets for Kids, donate a blanket or money for a blanket or help with fleece blanket tying. Donations can also be mailed to Santa’s Closet, PO Box 115, Olivia, MN 56277. Sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team & Master’s Coffee Shop

The women of St. John’s Catholic Church in Hector are holding their Annual Craft and Bake Sate on Saturday, November 11, from 8:00 to 1:00 pm at the Buffalo Lake High School, Hector Campus, small gym. Cinnamon rolls, caramel rolls, coffee and juice will be served from 8:00 to 11:00 and BBQ lunch will be served from 11:00 -1:00 pm. Both seasonal and general, hand-made craft items will be sold, as well as a variety of home-baked goodies. New this year we will be holding a silent auction with the final bid closing at 12:30 on November 11.

Wanted: Piano player for sing-along where: **Olivia Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center** When: Once or Twice a month Contact: Sheila Pietig @ SPietig@OliviaRHCC.com or 523-1652. Any questions, please contact me.

Please join us for the annual **Harvest Fest at Blomkest Baptist Church** on Sunday, November 12 at 7 pm. The evening will include a musical presentation by Crow River Junction (band). A pie and coffee fellowship will follow the program. A fee-will offering will be given to the United Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College.

November CCOC Healthy snacks and volunteers

It’s Cross of Calvary’s month!!!

Cross of Calvary is in charge of CCOC snacks for the month of November.

Snacks are needed Monday – Friday. Please bring snacks to the CCOC by 2:30 pm on the date that works best for you. There are around 35-40 kids. Sign up on “The BOARD”

The CCOC is also looking for volunteers to help. They are asking for you to help between 3:00-5:30, anytime or days would help. Come as often as you like and stay as long as you can.

Contact: Brian Anderson by email: bryan@ccocmn.org

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church - COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for: Wednesday, October 11, 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	resigned
(X) DeeAnne Newville	2020*	(X) Gordon Blem	2019	(_) Lisa Meints	2018
(_) Steve Altmann	2018				Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)
					*Second term

STAFF

(X) Pastor Matt Hausken () Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister () Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister () Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- **President Eric Skeie**
2. Devotions – *Jill Hanson Matthew 25:50*
3. Approve minutes of the **September meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Hanson, seconded by Sather, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – **September** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Blem, seconded by Newville, motion passed.
5. Pastor's report
Pastor Matt will be attending National Youth Gathering preparation in Houston from Nov. 2-4, 2017.
Jeni/Sarah – staff meetings going well.
Fall Theological and Preaching seminar was very informative.
Rally Sunday went well.
Steve Altmann volunteered to deliver food shelf items.
TIM Team – Sunday nights are getting bigger crowds each week. The team sent letter for adult volunteers to attend each week.
6. Parish Minister Report
Junior High Youth Gathering is Nov. 17 & 18 (Sarah and Jeni will be attending)
Jeni & Sarah will be attending a Youth Retreat Oct. 23 & 24
 - Sarah report – Preachers conference – she focused on Children's Ministry
 - Talked about SS, WeeWOW and WOW
 - Sarah has many adults volunteering to do 9th grade SS, teaching a variety of topics
 - Erik talked about he/Jeni attendance at Stephen's Ministry seminar and the fees that are involved in getting the training.Council watched a video.
 - Jeni will follow up on this at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Youth Ministry- didn't meet
2. Equipping the Congregation - Quick brainstorm meeting tonight before council meeting, have some ideas on doing a "Social event", like games night, or a movie, etc.
3. Outreach – will meet next week. Just finished the duffel bag project and is looking for a new one. House of Hope is a possibility.
4. Administration – contacted property committee about the bushes outside that are over grown
5. AED Maintenance –Erik checked.

OLD BUSINESS - Painting is done and plans are for in the spring to paint the shed with leftover paint.

NEW BUSINESS

- Restructure Council committees – discussion
- Reminder: Confirmation Banquet is Oct. 25 and Confirmation Sunday is Oct. 29th
- Reminder: 1st Communion Sunday is Nov. 5th
- A suggestion was made to review the duties of Communion helpers, maybe a half hour at a council meeting. It would help new members on Council understand and feel more comfortable helping with communion. Also, to repeat meeting after new members join in January or February meeting.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm
November Communion: 8:30 – Bobbi Kopel & 10:30 – Dana Boen
November Devotion – Curt Sather

Adjourn / Close in prayer.