

***The Follower***

*January 2018*



**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**January 21, 2018 at 9:30 am**

**(Alternate date: 1/28/2018)**

**-please submit any reports for annual booklet by January 15th!**

***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”***

***2 Corinthians 5:17***

**Parish Minister Corner**

Christmas has come and gone…or has it? There was so much to do. All the anticipation of the upcoming season is over. We did our shopping, cooking, cleaning, decorating, gift giving, celebrating, visiting, traveling, caroling, partying, and let’s not forget EATING! Yikes! But now it’s over? Or does the real meaning of Christmas still live on. Christ came to us as a baby in a manger. We weren’t there, but we were represented by local shepherds or by kings from far away. These people came to witness to this wonderful event. But it doesn’t end here. Jesus goes on to live a life of lessons. And though the time he lived in was different than our present day, Jesus taught us how to live on this earth and left us gospels full of examples. Jesus taught us how to love our neighbors and how to be a friend to all people. Jesus taught us how to forgive and how to care for others. Jesus taught us how to call more people to him and to feed the hungry. Jesus taught us that sitting at his feet and hearing his word was the right choice. And finally, Jesus taught us to love and trust God with our whole being. “I wonder if he knew the cross was ahead, what he had to do, his blood would be shed. I wonder if he knew the pain he would suffer for people like me and you.” (From the song I wonder if he knew). Jesus loved us enough to go to the cross and he trusted God to be with him on the cross, from the manger. The baby Jesus lives among us every day. So the Christmas Holiday is over, but what will be your response to Christmas? How will you respond to the life of this baby, teacher, friend, Messiah?



Jeni Skeie

Parish Minister

**PRAYERS OF HEALING AND STRENGTH**

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

*Diana Adkin……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………B. Hennen*

*Jill Revolinski ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….C. Mallak*

*Jenna Reynolds…………………………………………………………………………………………………...Thompson family*

*Lesley Sagedahl....................................................................................................................Daren Sagedahl*

*Kent Kircher...........................................................................................................................Shirley Kircher*

*Barb Gomarko.....................................................................................................................................Friends*

*Cleve Fults...............................................................................................................Bruce & Sharon Metteer*

*Laura Wacek..................................................................................................................Bobbi Abrahamson*

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

*Janice Gass.........................................................................................................................................Friends*

*Mike Abrahamson..............................................................................................Tim & Bobbi Abrahamson*

*Jolynda Lickey.......................................................................................................Bruce & Sharon Metteer*

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

*Bob Erickson............................................................................................................................Sue Erickson*

*Audrey Skeie.....................................................................................................................Eric & Jeni Skeie*

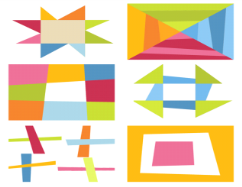
*Jen Beckler................................................................................................................................Emy Elbert*

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  | 1  New Year Day | 2 | 3 | 4  Quilters at 9:00 | 5 | 6  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 7  **Worship 8:30/10:30**  **Sunday School 9:30**  **Communion** | 8  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 9  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am  Jesus Justice League at 3:15 | 10  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm | 11  Quilters at 9:00 | 12 | 13  **Worship 5:30 pm** |
| 14  **Worship 8:30/10:30**  **Sunday School 9:30**  Baptism | 15  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Annual Meeting Info. Due to church office | 16  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 17  Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm  Church Council 7:30 | 18  Quilters at 9:00 | 19 | 20  **Worship 5:30 pm** |
| 21  **Worship 8:30/10:33**  **No Sunday School – Movie for kids**  Communion  **ANNUAL MEETING at 9:30 am** | 22  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  February Follower Deadline  Ruth Bible Study 1:30 at Parkview | 23  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 24  Confirmation Meal at 5:45 Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm  Mid-winter Convocation Retreat  (Pastor Matt, Sarah, Jeni and Sue) | 25  Quilters at 9:00  Mid-winter Convocation Retreat  (Pastor Matt, Sarah, Jeni and Sue) | 26  Mid-winter Convocation Retreat  (Pastor Matt, Sarah, Jeni and Sue) | 27  **Worship 5:30 pm** |
| 28  Worship 8:30/10:30  Sunday School 9:30 | 29  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Ruth Bible Study at noon | 30  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 31  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm |  |  |  |

**Offering Envelopes will be available the 1st week in January!!!**

**Sorry for the delay!!**

**Confirmation Supper** Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities…hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD. Dates with openings: Jan. 14, 24 and February 8, 2018.



**Quilters will start the 1st Thursday in January at 9:00 am**

**Annual Report Committee & Financial Reports**

I’m writing to make sure everyone is getting ready for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 21st.

I need the following reports from the following committees:

**Committee Review Reports**

Youth Board and Family Ministry

Equipping the Congregation

Outreach

Administration

**Financial Reports**

Financial Secretary

Altar Guild

Snowflake Bazaar

Endowment Fund

Lutheran Church Men

Youth Account

Memorial Fund

I truly appreciate your cooperation in getting these reports to me by January 15th so that I have time to prepare the full packets. I would also appreciate if whomever will be the responsible person for these reports, please email/call me so that I may be aware. That way if things come up, I’ll know who to go too directly.

Thank you so very much and I anxiously wait to hear from you all. Remember, preferred deadline – January 15th.

Sue Altmann

Office Administrator



**01/09 Hunter Evenson 1/20 Cade Morse**

**01/02 Alan Kircher 01/09 Haeden Honzay 01/20 Ella Jo Mages**

**01/02 Connor Weber 01/11 Breanna Balderston 01/21 Abby Steffel**

**01/03 Tom Revier 01/11 Jessica Altmann 01/21 Devin Nere**

**01/04 Shane Malvin 01/12 Stephanie Wallert 01/21 Martin Mittelstadt**

**01/04 McKenna Lilja 01/22 Dennis Barta**

**01/04 Landon Robideau 01/14 Christel Enstad 01/22 Pamela Dettmann**

**01/04 Emma Dahl 01/16 Faye Johnson 01/23 Taylor Sagedahl**

**01/05 Matt Holland 01/16 Sandy Balderston 01/24 Nancy Mages**

**01/05 Henry Helin 01/17 Nancy Berry 01/24 Julie Slaughter**

**01/06 Michelle Jensen 01/17 Rebecca Thiesse 01/25 Kathie Zimmer**

**01/07 John Balgaard 01/17 John Morse 01/25 Brian Klinghagen**

**01/07 Sara Wussow 01/17 Avery Kopel 01/26 Bob Honzay**

**01/07 Krista Nelson 01/18 Doug Knudsen 01/27 Duane Senger**

**01/08 Myra Lindquist 01/18 Heidi Gross 01/27 Cameron Larson**

**01/08 Becky Nelson 01/18 Sara Benson 01/28 Jazlynn Cluka**

**01/08 Alex Gay 01/19 Cheryl Mallak 01/29 Elaine Livingood**

**01/08 Elsa Skeie 01/19 Jason Dobmeier 01/30 Hank Larson**

**01/19 Logan Triplett 01/31 Sandy Gay**

**01/31 Tim Kopel**

**01/31 Travis Honzay**

**JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

COMMUNION 8:30 – Jill Hanson 10:30 –??

USHERS 8:30 – Greg Mertens, Trey Mertens, Bill Kopel & Jeff Keltgen

10:30 –????

ACOLYTES: Noah Boen & Jack Iverson

ALTAR GUILD: Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern

GOOD GIFTS DONATIONS

**Thank you! The money will go towards a farm for a family in need!!!**

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| **Given By:** | **In Memory of:** |
| David Torgelson | John Torgelson |
| Keith & Stacey Larson | Paul & Mark Vogt; Millie Larson |
| Joanne Balgaard | Denny Balgaard |
| Ron & Linda Fahse | Lloyd & Bethel Fahse |
| Steve, Sue, Chloe & Lanie Altmann | Paige Altmann & Del Altmann |
| Ken & Eleanor Ziesmer | Loved Ones |
| Chet & Angie Boen | Marnold Ostby, Jean Stadther, Evelyn Gusey |
| Wayne & Mavis Maurice | Shawn Maurice |
| Matt, Sarah, Leif & Bjorn Hausken | Terje Hausken |

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| **Given By:** | **In Honor of:** |
| Noah & Zane Boen | Chet & Angie Boen |
| Keith & Stacey Larson | Eva, Hanna & Cam Larson |
| Rosalie Sheggeby | Emerson & Noah Sheggeby |
| Stan & Sue Malecek | Justin, Adam, Ryan, Addelyn & Emersyn |
| Doug & Kristi O’Neill | Barry O’Neill |
| Marlys Klinghagen | Family |

**Donation Given by:**

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| Dennis & Karen Barta |



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for: Wednesday, December 20, 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 resigned

( ) DeeAnne Newville 2020\* (X) Gordon Blem 2019 (X) Lisa Meints 2018

(X) Steve Altmann 2018 Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.) \*Second Term

**STAFF**

(X) Pastor Matt Hausken (X) Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister (X) Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister

(X) Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting called to order- ***President Eric Skeie***
2. Devotions – *Eric Skeie*
3. Approve minutes of the ***November meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports *–* ***November-*** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy Blem, seconded by Bobbi Kopel, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report

* Preparing for the Advent and Christmas season
* Confirmation is moving along wonderfully.
* National Youth Gathering informational meetings have started. They will continue every 3rd Sunday of each month; parents are invited to the meetings.
* Pastor reported that he did some research on Stephen’s Ministry. He report there are over 12,000 church involved with this ministry.

1. Parish Minister Report
2. There was a motion to have a budget line item for financial purpose to go toward Stephen Ministry. The motion was made by Gordy Blem and seconded by Steve Altmann. The motion passed. The council made note that they are supporting and will be promoting the Stephen’s Ministry.

-A motion was made by Curt Sather to have a budget line item of $1,500.00 for furnishing for the Parsonage for the 2018 year; it was seconded by Eric Skeie. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Youth Ministry- none

2. Equipping the Congregation -none

3. Outreach – none

4. Administration – none

5. AED Maintence –Steve Altmann

- It was noted that in January the new committees will be looked at and put in action for the future.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Equipping the Congregation – February 10th
* Stephen Ministry – see above
* Microphones have been purchased and installed (money from Memorial fund)
* Nominating committee has been informed of upcoming Annual Meeting and will be meeting on December 27th to start the process of selection candidates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Replace west doors – money has been received – Thank you to all that contributed.
* Boiler – has been replaced, a few minor things to finish
* Annual Meeting set for January 21st, with January 28th as the backup date

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

Reminder: Council will meet after the Annual Meeting

January Communion: 8:30 – Jill Hanson & 10:30 –?

January Devotion – Dana Boen

**Adjourn / Close in prayer.**