

***The Follower***

**October 2018**

A blessed October to all of you who are reading this! Hopefully this letter finds everything well with you and your family and friends. We focus in October on gearing up for the winter months, but we also remember that there is still work to be done before the snow comes. During the season in the church year we remember our blessings that God has given to us as we bring in the harvest we ask and we pray that we may be faithful with these many blessings that God has given to us.

We take a look also during this month of October in our own history as Lutherans. We were remember that on October 31 of 1517 Martin Luther posted the 95 theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg Germany. When he did this he didn’t realize what he was starting. He originally intended that it just be a means of setting up a good old fashion academic debate. But, the 95 theses which question the power and authority of the pope over against scripture was translated into the German language and it spread like wild fire. This was not Luther’s intent originally but it is where the Holy Spirit took it. One of the tenets of the Reformation was the belief that we are all ministers. We share together in sharing the Gospel. One way that we can serve as ministers is through Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry is a visitation ministry that has been around since 1976 and we are just beginning it here at Cross of Calvary.

We celebrate October 28th as Reformation Sunday. It will be special for numerous reasons not only for the celebration of the anniversary of Luther’s of the posting of the 95 Theses, but we will also giving thanks for the blessing that will be given in commissioning a new group of Stephen ministers. The Stephen ministers have been meeting since May every week for 2 1/2 hours to be trained to give high quality Christian caring not only in our congregation but in our community as well. We pray that this may be a huge blessing not only for us but our community as a whole. It is the hope of Stephen Ministry that people remember that they never ever walk alone that God has given to us one another to walk alongside.

Also, we celebrate as we have a group of 10th graders who will be affirming their faith. This will mark their entry into adult membership in the church. I look forward to seeing how their faith will continue to grow and they discover and use the gifts that God has given to them.

May you have a blessed October! May be filled with God‘s grace and God‘s goodness and wonder. And may God‘s blessings be with all those who work in the fields! May God bless the work of their hands as they bring in the harvest!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

**Youth Events/News**

**Youth Activities**

**October**

3rd – WOW

Confirmation/Meal

1st Communion Class 3:15

4th – Breakfast Club

7th– Sunday School

Blue Jean Sunday

9th – Jesus Justice League

10th – WOW

Confirmation/Meal

1st Communion Class 3:15

11th – Breakfast Club

14th – Sunday School

17th – NO Confirmation

17th – WOW

17th – 1st Communion Class 3z;15

21st – Sunday School

24th – Confirmation Banquet

25th – Breakfast Club

28th – Confirmation Sunday 10:30 service

Sunday School

31st – WOW

Confirmation/Meal

**Breakfast Club** is for Youth in grades 10-12 and will begin at 7:07 on Thursdays at Cross of Calvary

**Youth Band** will practices on Wednesday, at 8:30pm. Let Jeni know if you are interested in participating.

**Wonders on Wednesday (WOW)** is our weekly after school program for 4-6th graders. Students can ride bus 3 to church on Wednesdays for snack, free time, games, Bible dramas, singing, and interactive prayer time. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

**Jesus Justice League** is our monthly after school program for 1-3 graders. Students can ride bus 3 to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month for snack and an opportunity to “play" Bible stories through games, drama, science, art and singing. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

**Junior High Gathering**

Its time to talk about the Junior High gathering!  The theme is Undeniably Known and theme verse is from 1 Corinthians 13:12.  (FYI: This was also the theme of the Senior high gathering last spring.)  Rachel Kurtz will be the band and the speaker.  We will attend the Friday night event on November 16-17 at the Willmar Conference Center and stay in the attached hotels.  Cost is $60 and includes t-shirt, snack, breakfast, lodging, and program.  Registration is due on Wednesday, October 3.  (Cost for nonmembers/friends is $85.)  Forms are on our office door or the youth board. Talk to Jeni or Sarah if you have questions.

**Coffee Hour for October**

**October 7**

**No Coffee Hour - Blue Jean Sunday**

**Come Help Clean!!!!**

**October 14**

Jeremy Fischer

Erik & Shelby Gass

Dale & Lowanda Frank

Matt & Cassandra Adamski

**October 21**

Corey & Dawn Gluesing

Dan & Heidi Gross

Chris & Jill Hanson

**October 28**

Gregg & Cathy Helin

Marc & Sarah Iverson

Alison Johnson

**Church News/Events**



**Worship Time**

Saturdays 5:30 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

There will be a **Women’s Study** Thursday at 8:15am, Tuesday night, at 6:30pm.Sunday at 9:30 am.Book: “Present over perfect”

**Dorcas Bible Study** will meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ruth Bible Study** will meet the 4th Monday at 1:30 pm. Please meet at Parkview place.

**Men’s Bible Study:** Tuesday at either 6:15 am or 7:00 am. Please meet in the Church Library.

**Cross of Calvary Care Team**: We will meet every month on the 2nd Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact DeeAnne Newville if interested in joining.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE**

**Comfort Meals:** If anyone is interested in being added to the Comfort meal committee, please contact the office and I will get you on the list. 320-523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com.

Person (s) will be contacted as to when and where the meal should be delivered, plus any diet restriction. Thank you in advance!!

**Sunday Readers**: Cross of Calvary is looking for your help as a reader on Sundays. Please sign up on “The Board”. The reading can be emailed or printed for you. Thank you in advance!!

**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.

**We would like to Welcome our newest members,**

**There’s a Place for You with Us!!**

Kelsie, Ryan, Keeghan and Ella Aeikens

John Senkyr

Brent, Susan, Lilly, Kenna and Bria Henrikson

Leah Peterson, Hunter and Nellie Borer

**Prayer Request**

**Prayer Matters!**

Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Emergency/Pastoral Care-Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.



\*Garaine Wildgrube – Betsy Hennen

\*Leslie Sagedahl- Family \*Carter Bremseth - Family

\*Laura Wacek – Bobbi Jo Abrahamson \*Donna Greenwell – P. Matt

\*Sonia Grasmon – Family \*Bob Cully – Pat Aalderks

\*Mike Abrahamson – Tim & Bobbi Jo Abrahamson \*Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert

\*Barb Gomarko – Friends \*Laura Hauer – Buhr family

\*Alexa Fischer-daughter - Kelsey & Matt \*Joyce O’Halloran – Gladie Hagen

\*Caryn Behr – Kathy Helin’s mother \*Corrine Skogen – Gladie Hagen

\*Mike Grund – Jen Grund \*Izzy Sullivan – Sharon Alton

**Note: Please let the office know if you would like individuals to remain on the Prayer list otherwise they will be removed. Thank You!**

**OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION -** 8:30 – Eric Skeie, 10:30 – Dana Boen

**USHERS**

8:30 – Dick Hagen, Gladie Hagen, Alex Gay & Clayton Erickson

10:30 – Steve & Lynn Johnson

**ACOLYTES:**

8:30 – Cam Larson & Andy Bahl

10:30 – Laila Ridler & Hunter RIdler

**ALTAR GUILD:** Eleanor Ziesmer, Edith Vogt & Sheila Pietig

**Community Events/News**

**Children of the Promise** will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this Sept. 1st – Oct. 31st. We invite your congregation to join us in the fun, found on Wolverine Drive. Our maze is 8 acres, paired with pumpkins, treats, and special events every weekend. Our hours are Thursday: 3-11 pm, Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm, and Sunday: noon – 6 pm. All profits will go to Children of the Promise. Our mission to provide a healthy, Christian home and family for every Haitian child. We hope to see you there! For more information, go to facebook.com/1SEEDMN

**Adult Grief Support Group** – will start meeting October 1, 2018. See flyer on entrance board.

**Central Minnesota Senior Care** is seeking to hire caring and compassionate individuals to work at our Assisted Living program located throughout Minnesota. For more information please check out the entrance door bulletin board for a flyer.

**Blood Drive at Oliva Community St. Aloysius Catholic Church** Jubilee Center on Tuesday, October 16th from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit recrossblood.org and enter OliviaMN to schedule an appointment.

**United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian, MN** is hosting its Annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 4th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Swedish Meatball supper, Produce, Craft and bake Sale also. Menu: Swedish Meatballs, potatoes, Vegetable, beverage, coleslaw, rolls and desserts. Adults: $10, 6-12 yrs.: $3 and 5yrs. And under: Free

**Faith United Methodist Church of Olivia** is hosting a Roast Beef Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Menu features: Roast beef, real potatoes, homemade gravy, buttered corn, coleslaw, rolls, pumpkin dessert & beverage.

**Safe Avenues is excited to announce our annual fundraiser the “Make a Difference” event** on Friday November 16th at 5:30 at Max’s Grill. The fundraiser is held to raise awareness and support efforts to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in our Renville Count Outreach program. Safe Avenues, Renville County Outreach PO Box 65, Olivia MN

**Uffda Day: Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater**. Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 am to noon. (Coffee from 9-10 and meal from 10-noon) See flyer on the entrance for more details.

**Happy October Birthday**

**10/01 – Lora Mathison 10/11 – Cheryl Hennen 10/23 – Timothy Opdahl**

**10/01 – Bruce Mages 10/11 – Tonia Ridler 10//24 – Maureen Hanson**

**10/01 – Kristi O’Neill 10/11 – Brian Schultes 10/24 – Mary Doering**

**10/01 – Deborah Grannes 10/11 – Chelsey Bellig 10/25 – MaryAnne Bentley**

**10/01 – Kathy Altmann 10/11 – Timothy Wallert 10/25 – Bob Erickson**

**10/01 – Sevarii Jimenez 10/12 – Thomas Newville**

**10/03 – Kailynn Vait 10/12 – Steve Torkelson 10/26 – Brian Boen**

**10/05 – Lilly Kern 10/12 – Matt Hennen 10/26 – Sandra Whited**

**10/05 – Pam Jacobson 10/12 – Jennifer Olson 10/26 – McKenna Steffel**

**10/05 – Randy Steffel 10/13 – Jim McDowell 10/27 – Richard Sigurdson**

**10/05 – Elliot Opdahl 10/14 – Kelsey Thorpe 10/27 – Dave Altmann**

**10/06 – Marlene Bratsch 10/15 – LeAnn Maurice 10/27 – Jon Hawkinson**

**10/06 – Mark Thiesse 10/15 – Jake Evenson 10/28 – Charles Morse**

**10/06 – Keela Grund 10/15 – Finn Stratton 10/28 – Bethanie Johnson**

**10/07 – Joshua Mages 10/16 – Sharlene Baumgartner 10/30 – David Lindquist**

**10/07 – Logan Erickson 10/16 – Jodi Vesterby 10/30 – Jim Doering**

**10/07 – Tyler Flom 10/16 – Sarah Johnson-Stafford 10/30 – Mike Grund**

**10/08 – Barbara Miller 10/16 – Edgar Kopel 10/30 – Troy Honzay**

**10/08 – Shauna Wagner 10/17 – Tami Stovern 10/30 – Mike Benson**

**10/10 – Marie Rauenhorst 10/18 – Tyler Slagter 10/30 – Hunter Ridler**

**10/10 – Peggy Boehme 10/19 Lowanda Frank 10/31 – June Grannes**

**10/10 – Sarah Helmer 10/21 – Jennifer Grund 10/31 – Cindy Thiesse**

**10/10 – Cory Hebrink 10/22 – Paul Hanson 10/31 – Reed Nelson**

**10/22– Aaron Blem 10/31 – Addelyn Malvin**

**10/22 – Hadley Weis 10/31 – Lincoln Robideau**



**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes for: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 @ 7:30pm**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

\*Dana Boen 2020 Jon Hawkinson 2021\* \*Eric Skeie 2019\*

\*Curt Sather 2020 Laurence Stratton 2021 \*Natasha Johnson 2019\*

\*Jill Hanson 2020 \*Paul Buhr 2019 \*Alex Gay 2021

\*DeeAnne Newville 2020\* \*Gordon Blem 2019

\*Steve Altmann 2021\* Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)

\*Second term/\*Present

**STAFF**

\*Pastor Matt Hausken \*Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister \*Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister \*Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

# AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- Gordy Blem
2. Devotions – *Laurence Stratton*
3. Approve minutes of the ***August meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Curt Sather, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports *–* ***August -*** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Eric Skeie, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.

* Way to increase revenue was discussed. Ideas will be looked in to later.

1. Pastor’s report

* All programs up and going.
* 1st Communion Classes have begun for the 5th Graders. Also, 3rd Grade Bible study was done during September.
* Stephen Ministry is going fine and will finish in October. (Commission will be October 28th at the 8:30 service.)
* Staff Workshop in Redwood Falls was wonderful. Theme: Gathered & Scattered Churches.

1. Parish Ministers report – Sarah had a handout. Please stop in the office if you would like to read it.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2018)

## 1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann/ Financial statements will be placed in member’s mailbox at the beginning of October. IF not picked up by the end of October, they will be mailed.

2. Children, Youth and Family- Laurence Stratton & Natasha Johnson/ none

3. Equipping – Eric Skeie/ Laurence Stratton has joined this committee. They will be meeting on October 2nd.

4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay/ Designated funds to 1. RC Hurricane Relief 2. Renville Special Olympics 3. RC Food Shelf - Items were brought to Kenya with Chloe Altmann and Carrie & Dav Neubauer: they would like to Thank everyone!!

5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson - none

6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville – Comfort meals and will be sending Get Well, Sympathy, etc. cards

7. Parish Life – Dana Boen/none

8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson/none

9. Technology – Steve Altmann/ new booster installed by the library – 2nd booster will be installed at south end of Sunday School wing

(Technology money used for this project)

10. AED Maintenance – Eric Skeie

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Update on storage shed, thank you men’s group! Discussion on what to do with the Old shed: item was tabled until the next meeting.
* Blue Jean Sunday set for October 7th – Sue will contact Craig Boen for cleaning supplies

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Sue gone – Oct. 8- 15, looking for volunteers to be in the office during that time.
* Boy Scouts will be using the church on Monday nights for meetings. – Approved by council

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, October 10th at 7:30 pm

October Communion: 8:30 – Eric Skeie, 10:30 – Dana Boen

October Devotion – DeeAnne Newville

**Adjourn / Close in prayer**