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THE FOLLOWER

May 11/12: Spring Fling-Plant Sale/BBQ/Bake Sale

May 16: Committee Meetings/Council Meeting

May 17: Thursday Evening Worship begins (7pm)

May 20: Sunday Worship (9 am) Senior Recognition



Through May 13

Saturday evening: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School & Coffee Hour—9:30am

Beginning May 17

Thursday evening: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Spring/Summer Facility Hours Beginning May 14	Monday	8:30	7:00
	Tuesday	8:30	7:00
	Wednesday	8:30	7:00
	Thursday	8:30	8:00
	Friday	8:30	2:00
	Saturday	8:30	2:00
	Sunday	8:30	2:00

Men's Bible Study @ 6:15am

	Monday
Spring/Summer	Tuesday
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Office Hours	Thursda
Beginning May 29	Friday
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	Sunday

Monday	8:30	4:30
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Wednesday	8:30	4:30
Thursday	8:30	4:30
Friday	8:30	2:00
Saturday		
Sunday		



Pastor's Corner May 2012

A blessed beginning to spring and continuation of this grace-filled Easter season to you all. As things begin to spring to life all around us (earlier than usual), we are reminded of the promises of God. We have waited through the long, dark winter with the assurance that spring will be here. Imagine a world of constant darkness, constant winter. There are a few Star Wars planets like this, and the natives to these planets are far from hope. Constant darkness cannot help but shape their outlook on life. But, we are given the blessed beginning to spring and continuation of this grace-filled Easter season to you all. As things begin to spring to life all around us (earlier than usual), we are reminded of the promises of God. We have waited through the long, dark winter with the assurance that spring will be here. Imagine a world of constant darkness, constant winter. There are a few Star Wars planets like this, and the natives to these planets are far from hope. Constant darkness cannot help but shape their outlook on life. But, we are given the promise that we know is well founded; spring will come. New life will be here.

It is no coincidence that Easter is in the spring. We are given the promise in Christ that no matter what winter or dark time we may be facing in our life, it will not have the final say. The final say is always spoken by our beloved Father in Heaven. That final word is life, and the hope that comes with that promised life. This hope colors how we live each day--in the midst of our highs and lows. It's a promise that we will never be dragged under by the lows. That, as the apostle Paul writes, " . . there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God."

As we watch the life spring up all around us, may we use it as an opportunity to reflect on the grace and life given to us by God!

God's blessings for a wonderful, grace-filled month of May!

In Christ.

Pastor Matt

CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CI	HURCH HOURS	OFFICE HOURS
Monday	8:30a - 7:00p	8:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30a - 5:00p	8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30a - 7:00p	8:30am - 7:00pm
Thursday	8:30a - 5:00p	8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday	8:30a - 5:00p	8:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	8:00a – 5:00p	
Sunday	8:00a – 5:00p	Need access to the church

Need access to the church? Craig Boen 522-0266 Laurie Schultze 522-1199

Worship Services:

School Year: September 11- May 13

- •Sunday Worship 8:30am &10:30am
- •Sunday School and Coffee Hour 9:30am
- •Saturday Vespers 5:30 pm

Summer: Begins May 17

- •Sunday Worship 9:00am
- •Coffee Hour 10:00am
- •Thursday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Radio Broadcast of Service: Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

May Communion Dates - 6th and 20th

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Matt Hausken,

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Council: Todd Gay, President

Dave Altmann Gordy Blem Brian Boen
Jennifer Grund Cindy Johnson Sandra Whited
Keith Larson Greg Mertens Marie Rauenhorst

Nanette Serbus David Torgelson

Treasurer: Curt Sather

MAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed each Sunday. Please offer to fill in. The sign up sheet is on the BOARD. Thank you for serving!

Altar Guild: K van der Hagen, S Kubesh, S Padrnos

Communion Assts.

May 6 8:30 – J Grund May 20 9:00— Seniors 10:30 - N Serbus

Readers

MAY 6 8:30 - T Gay 10:30 - M Thiesse MAY 13 8:30 - 10:30 MAY 20 9:00 - C Altmann MAY27 9:00 -

Acolytes: Justin Rock, Connor Weber

<u>Ushers:</u> 8:30am - C Hanson, B Prokosch, W & A Ensetvedt 10:30 am - D Torgelson, K/D Flom, P Amberg, C Gluesing

Tech Team:

May 6 8:30am—S Erickson 10:30am— K van der Hagen May 13 8:30am—N Wertish 10:30am—C Lund

May 20 9:00am—L Schultze May 27 9:00am—L Schultze

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wed. of each month, beginning at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This includes the following committees: Parish Life, Missions, Parish Ed., Property, Technology, Worship & Music, Youth Ministry, Evangelism

- Committee Meetings—May 16 @ 7pm
- Council Meeting-May 16 @ 8pm
- Atlar Guild-May 2 @ 7pm

<u>Prayer</u>

MILITARY - (listed until notified of their return)

Carolyn Wertish-Heiser, Todd Hammerschmidt, Paul Plumley, Joshua Keyser and Jake Dillon

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Jeff Holmer [K. Erickson] Diana Adkins [B Hennen] Jim Plumley [C Plumley] Nikki Gleasner [M Hanson] Chet Boen [Boen family] Madison Travers [K Barta] Christie Engelman [S Grasmon] [W Stucke] Julie Mitchell Gina Wog [L Schultze] [S Kubesh] Megan Buysse

Chuck & Connie Grewe [V Mittlestadt]

Merrilee Weber [L Schultze]
Al Engstrom [S Erickson]
Kathy More [S Alton]
Robert Murphy [S Alton]
Pete Fostervold [S Malecek]
Mike Bruns [Brown family]

Praise

For the lives and faithful service of Paul Thompson, Denny Balgaard and Donna Johnson.

Adding loved ones to the Prayer and Praise Lists:

Please gain permission.

- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & on the BOARD, or use the Prayer page at our website - crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

VACATATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 30—August 2

CHURCH NEWS

MAY FOLLOWER deadline is April 19 Assemble the Follower at 1pm on April 24

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.

Balcony Carpet Fund Raiser?? 96 square yards @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation). We are on our way, having about 20% collected. When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows: Regular offering \$ _ & Balcony Fund \$ _

MUSIC for Golden Living: The residents would LOVE to hear you, your children or grandchildren play the piano, any other instrument or just sing for us. Call Sheila or Stacie at 523-1652.

NOTE: The COMMUNITY BOARD is available for all event notices. Please do not post notices to walls, wood or windows. Thank you.

The SUMMER WORSHIP reminder! Forming a new habit takes time...and probably a few reminders. Several people have asked if the office would send out email reminders for Thursday worship. Certainly! We will send out an email on Thursday morning. Please let Laurie know you'd like to receive the reminder and which email address to use. Just drop a request to her at crossofcalvary@gmail.com to get on the group list.

crossofcalvary.net

Have you subscribed to the Blog yet? As a subscriber, you will receive email notices when that church staff posts on the Blog. Don't worry; we won't clutter your in-box. Chelsey and Pastor send a message just once a week, and Laurie publishes the weekly bulletin. And...the Follower also is published on the Blog!!!!

April Food Shelf Donations – 30 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

West Central Singers Spring Concert: Sun, May 6 – 4:00pm Bethel Lutheran Church—411 Becker-Ave SW, Willmar MN Tickets: \$8 adults/\$5 students, available at the door IN LIFE AND IN DEATH WE BELONG TO GOD Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful choral music, featuring beloved folk songs, hymns and spirituals, and capped off by John Rutter's Requiem.

West Central Singers is directed by John D. Jahr

RESERVATIONS are required to use the church: We are such a busy facility...what a blessing! So, whenever needing to use any part of the church for an event, committee meeting, service project, fund raiser, etc., please call the office to guarantee there are no conflicts. 523-1574

Welcome: Kaydence McQuin Meints, daughter of Kenneth and Lisa Meints. Baptized on April 22.

Attendance:

March 24/25—191 March 28—96 (Wed) Mar 31/1—289 Apr 5—106 (Maundy Th) Apr 6—113 (Good Fri) Apr 8—308 (Easter) CHURCH EVENTS: Please post events on the bulletin boards and not on walls, wood or windows. Thank you. A new bulletin board will be installed in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen door.

The 2012 altar flower list is on the BOARD and ready for names. Simply sign up for a Sunday, and someone will call to assist you.

Still searching for a few more updates

Over time cell numbers get changed, new email addresses are used, home phone numbers are dropped, or mailing addresses change. Thus, we are finding it is getting more and more difficult to contact members of the church. Don't assume we have all of your current information on file.

- Drop it in the offering plate
- Leave it in the office

• Mail to aburab at	1102 W.Chastrut Ava Olivia 56277		
• Mail to church at 1103 W Chestnut Ave, Olivia, 56277			
• Email the info to crossofcalvary@gmail.com			
Name			
Name			
Children (under 18)			
			
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Phone numbers Home phone			
Name	Cell Number		
Email addresses			

Prayer Request

Print all information DATE Print all information DATE YOUR NAME YOUR NAME YOUR PHONE NUMBER YOUR PHONE NUMBER _ NAME OF PERSON TO BE ADDED NAME OF PERSON(S) TO BE ADDED Share with congregation (prayers in church) Reason for submission (no more than a phrase or brief sen-Keep private Additional Information Do you have the praise recipient's permission? Do you have the prayer recipient's permission? This request should remain on the list This request should remain on the list ____1 week ____2 weeks ____1 month ____1 week 2 weeks 1 month

Support Ministry – Comfort Foods: The Parish Life Committee offers blessings of food to those in need of some extra "comfort" in their lives. They bring 5 nights worth of meals to new moms, families suffering from loss or struggling with illness, etc. If you would like to assist with this ministry, it simply means that a few times per year you may be asked to provide one meal - feel free to share the responsibility with a friend! Please contact Laurie in the church office if you are willing to serve in this ministry and especially if you are aware of a need for this service.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

LWR Coffee Project: The LWR Fair Trade Coffee Project ensures that more of the money you spend on coffee reaches the farmers who actually grow it. Fair trade coffee is a simple solution that means the difference, quite literally, between surviving and not surviving for small-scale coffee farmers. We support the LWR Coffee Project by selling many flavors of coffee and organic tea in the Fellowship Hall. Visit their website at equalexchange.com or see Laurie in the office for more information. You may order directly from the website or feel free to suggest different items/flavors you would like to see offered here. Comments/suggestions may also be left in the "coffee pot" on the display.

Praise Request

We are family...I've got all my brothers and sisters and me...

Wasn't that a song, or close to it???

What does it mean to be a part of a church family? That's easy - worship, prayer, support, fellowship, encouragement... and wait a minute...mowing, cleaning, ushering, gardening, quilting, painting, doing the dishes, organizing events, maintenance, serving on a committee, joining a group, stepping up when seeing a need. All of this is part of being a <u>family member of Cross of Calvary</u>.

It's time to pitch in! Let's face it, families struggle and homes go untended when only a few are doing much of the work. And, to those who have been faithfully attending to the needs of our church home, we thank you! However, this is a big, big house with lots and lots of activity. We are a family with 980 members! Wow, that's awesome! But, the reality is that less than 25% attend church service, and even fewer than that volunteer here. So, the question is...Where is everyone?

Let's look at this way... What if you managed a bowling team or a card group and only 25% of the members were active for your weekly gathering, would you be "concerned" about the level of commitment? And, what if your members didn't volunteer to bring refreshments, leaving it up to the same few each time?

Your Pastor and Church Council are concerned for the same reasons. They are asking, yes ASKING YOU to step in; find the place where your talent, your gifts, your passion, and even your elbow grease, fit in this family.

We are asking that YOU explore and then choose the areas in which you will contribute to the ongoing building maintenance or ministry needs of our church. That's what is expected of the members of a family, right?

- * Maybe you could serve your church one or two hours a month?
- * Maybe your gift is in helping mow around the church or cleaning windows.
- * Maybe your gift is in decorating the church for Christmas, ushering, or serving funeral luncheons.
- * Maybe your gift is more in the arenas of teaching Sunday School or helping prepare the Follower for mailing.

Maybe you aren't aware of the <u>endless opportunities</u> to serve. Well, we've fixed that! Check out the committees, groups and odd jobs from which to choose. Then fill out the short interest form where you can actually sign up or simply request more information. We are excited to hear from you, soon!

Members of a family all have something to contribute; you included. We cannot "run" your church without you!

Thanks to all of you who already quietly do so many little things!!

Thanks to all of you who are re-committing yourself to serving again!!

God's call...

Romans 12

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ¹ do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Hey, youth...

1 Timothy 4

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.... ¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

Descriptions of the Mission and Ministry Opportunities at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

"God's Work; Our Hands"

<u>Youth Ministry</u> – We, the Youth Board, are led by Christ to equip and support youth to grow in faith, to equip and support families to pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support the *Minister of Faith Formation*.

Council Representative: Brian Boen b.boen@hotmail.com

This committee meets to

- discuss the vision and ministry of youth programs at C of C
- determine the youth calendar of events
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of youth ministry materials, funds, time, energy, volunteers, transportation, chaperons, etc.

<u>Parish Education</u> – We, the Parish Education Committee, are led by Christ to equip and support youth as they grow in faith, to equip and support families at they pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support teachers and assistants.

Council Representative: Sandy Whited skwhited@mvtvwireless.com

Jennifer Grund jen.grund@yahoo.com

This committee meets to

- discuss the vision and ministry of the Sunday School program.
- determine the Sunday School calendar
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of the Sunday School ministry teachers, materials, time, energy, volunteers, etc.
- assess/choose curriculum
- oversee the Christmas Program
- oversee Vacation Bible School

<u>Worship & Music</u> – We, the Worship and Music Committee, are led by Christ to assist the Pastor so that the services of God's house are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the ELCA.

Council Representative: Cindy Johnson cindyj@commsysinc.com

This committee meets to

- assist Pastor in planning worship services in accordance with ELCA Liturgy
- supervise Altar Guild
- promote observance of the festivals of the church year
- recruit, train and schedule worship assistants, special music, and organists

<u>World Missions</u> – We, the Mission Committee, are led by Christ for the purpose of searching out means and opportunities to serve locally and globally to meet the spiritual and physical needs of others.

Council Representative: Marie Rauenhorst marie.rauenhorst@gmail.com

This committee meets to

- review options for mission support and distribute funds locally and globally
- provide opportunities to educate the congregation on mission ministry Mission Minute
- provide opportunities for the congregation to be personally involved in World Missions

<u>Stewardship & Finance</u> – We, the Stewardship and Finance Committee, are led by Christ to focus on the church; how time is used, how relationships are retained, and then how the monetary gifts are utilized.

Council Representative: Greg Mertens gmertens@bihcm.com

<u>Technology</u> –We, the Technology Committee, are led by Christ to utilize technology in order to enhance and promote COC ministries through worship, fellowship, education, mission & community outreach, evangelism and communications.

Council Representative: Todd Gay t.gay@mchsi.com

This committee meets to

- Recruit/train/schedule system operators for services
- Provide technical support for church services, Sunday School, weddings, funerals, and special events
 - Set up and run the screen/audio
 - o Video recording
 - Troubleshoot, maintenance and upgrade
- Stay attune to innovative ways to utilize new technology to enhance the ministry at COC
- Establish policy/protocol for tech usage
- Direct the council on future advances that would enhance the worship services
- Update/maintain website

<u>Evangelism</u> – We, the Evangelism Committee, are led by Christ to invite others and offer opportunity for fellowship and ministry.

Council Representative: David Torgelson dtorgelson@aol.com

This committee meets to

- Develop and distribute promotional materials highlighting the ministry of Cross of Calvary
- Work with Parish Life to offer opportunity for membership

<u>Parish Life</u> – We, the Parish Life Committee, are led by Christ to promote and highlight Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church ministry, invite others and offer opportunity for fellowship and ministry, encourage relationship building among others and with Christ Jesus, and welcome new members.

Council Representative: Nanette Serbus, rnserb2414@redred.com

This Committee meets to

- plan and promote New Disciple Sunday
- plan and promote Friendship Sunday
- Support Ministry comfort meals

<u>Property</u> – We, the Property Committee, are led by Christ to maintain the church grounds (the church building, the parsonage, the property and everything in the church/parsonage – ie. the appliances, mechanical, etc).

Council Representative:

Gordy Blem glblem1977@gmail.com

Keith Larson kslarson@q.com

Dave Altmann davealtmann@yahoo.com

This committee meets to

- Schedule any work that needs to be done to the church/parsonage.
- Discuss any problems/needs with the existing property.
- Direct the council on future property needs.

Quilting - The quilters meet on Thursdays during the winter months to quilt for missions. Some quilts stay locally, but many find their way across the seas to warm and comfort those in need.

Altar Guild – This group prepares the Altar for worship, sets up Communion and addressed the needs for updating worship materials.

Comfort Meals – Join this group who provide meals to those with newborns or for those who are suffering illness or loss. One meal from you, combined with meals from others, and we have a week's worth of comfort to give!

Christmas decorating – Once a year the Sanctuary and Narthex are decorated for the birth of our Savior! There are a variety of things to accomplish, and you'll have lots of choices!

Assemble the FOLLOWER – It takes about an hour, once a month to assemble the newsletter. Fold and Label – usually the last Tuesday of the month.

Ushers - 4 ushers are needed for each Sunday worship service. Duties are actually posted on the BOARD. Check them out! The usher captains are great about helping you learn the ropes.

Mowing – Don't get enough of mowing your own yard? Come on over. Nice riding lawn mower!

Readers – Easy to follow script in large font...including phonetic pronunciation for those "old" words. Laurie promises to set you up to be successful.

Tech Team - Also known as the "Clickers" These folks run the screen for worship. As long as you can push the space bar, Laurie will teach you the rest.

Sunday School- There are lots of opportunities to be active in our Sunday School program. Often adults team-teach! Perhaps you are interested in being a classroom assistant? Is music or craft your gift????

Vacation Bible School - A SHORTER and more exciting opportunity to pass on the faith to our youth. Teach, assist, work in the kitchen, help with projects. And don't forget donations of craft/food supplies.

Wedding Assistant – Pastor is looking for several people to help him with wedding ceremonies – meet with the couple, go over CofC guidelines, be at the rehearsal. More information is available from Laurie.

Comments/Questions:

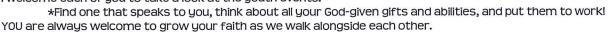
Communion Assistants – "The body of Christ given for you" "The blood of Christ shed for you" Or refill the trays in the back. Training is offered.

VOLUNTEEER INTEREST – May 2012 "God's work; Our hands" Phone: Please review the descriptions and duties of the various committees and service areas of our congregation as found in the May FOLLOWER and May Bulletins. Spend some time in prayerful consideration of where your gifts may best fit the ministry and mission of our faith family. Then, please fill out the information below for as many areas of interest as you like. You will be contacted over the summer in preparation for our ministry teams to meet in the Fall.		
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Youth and Family Ministry

Hello All!

I welcome each of you to take a look at the youth events.



- Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation cofcyouth@gmail.com Facebook: Chels Plumley Check out the Faith Blog at www.crossofcalvary.net Chelsey will be writing twice a month.

UPCOMING YOUTH/FAMILY EVENTS

May - 11th – Spring Fling pick up flowers 4:30-7:30

-BBQ supper and bake sale

May - 12th - Spring Fling pick up 8-10 AM

May - 13th – Last day of SS. Snacks and Activities prepared

May - 17th - Last Breakfast Club

May - 20th - Senior Recognition

COFFEE SCHEDULE

May 6th – K. Kubesh, A. Thompson, T. Prokosch, Torkelson

May 2012

Thank you to all families who have served this last year!

Programs ending:

*SUNday School:

Last day is May 13th

*Breakfast Club:

Last day is May 17th You pick: Masters or Chatterbox.

ON US!

SUMMER WOW IS COMING BACK!

I would LOVE to still dedicate my Wednesdays to snacks, games and devotions!

Students going into 4, 5, 6

3:00-4:30

Beginning June 13th

Senior Recognition is May 20th.
Congrats to our 2012 graduates!





Spring Fling flower order pickups have been moved this year

to accommodate your schedule.

Friday 4:30-7:30 PM

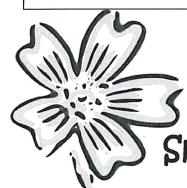
Grab your flowers and grab a plate! BBQ, chips, salad, bars and beverage.

Our National Gathering group will be there to help with all your plant and food needs.

This is a GREAT WAY TO Support ALL the youth in our congregation.

Also Saturday 8-10 AM

Bake sale will be available during both pick up times.

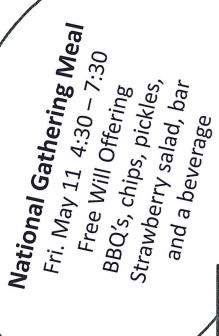




At Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 1103 Chestnut, Olivia MN Spring Fling Event

Friday, May 11 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.Saturday, May 12



12" potted Geranium - \$25.00

Huge Hanging Baskets - \$20.00 8" Potted Geranium - \$15.00

plant Sale

Tomatoes, Green Peppers

Marigolds, Petunia's 4pks - \$2.00

Bake Sale both days Cookies, breads,

