

September
2013



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year!

I have often wondered why we just don't make September 1st New Years Day instead of January 1st. Everything seems to be starting new again in September--new school year, new school clothes, new grades, new Sunday School year.

So, even within the church we have this newness built in for the month of September. Programs that have been dormant for the past few months are starting up again—some of those programs with major changes (Confirmation), some with slight changes (WOW), and some completely new things (emphasis on daily devotions using *Faith 5*).

"Many things are new, but the one thing that never changes is God's faithfulness and love."

There are also some new additions over the summer that you will

come to know for the first time. One of those is our weekly podcast. You can get ahold of these by going to www.crossofcalvary.net and clicking on the Faith Blog. You can also search Cross

of Calvary at the iTunes podcast store. The name of the podcast is *Faithful Fifteen* and is broadcast every Wed. The podcast is currently digging into great ways to strengthen your faith using *Faith 5*, Dr. Rich Melheim's wonderful recourse.

If the podcast route is not your thing... we can lead you to other resources for worship and devotion (including Melheim's book).

Many things are new, but the one thing that never changes is God's faithfulness and love that makes all things new again and continues to create wonderfully and gracefully in our lives.

So, questions as a Christian to ponder each day would be, "What in my life needs God's life-giving breath to make new? What are the new things that God may be creating in my life?"

God's blessings for a wonderful month of September!

Pastor Matt

Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Chase Lykken	<i>S Kubesh</i>	David Louis	<i>A Boen</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>
Justin Lothert	<i>2011 Classmates</i>	Maddy Travers	<i>K Barta</i>
Loraine Smith	<i>S Schломann</i>	Marge Cooper	<i>A Boen</i>
Cristel Enstad	<i>F Johnson</i>	Phyllis Berninger	<i>K Barta</i>

Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland – deployed to Afghanistan



Worship (Beginning Sept 7)

Sunday morning 8:30 & 10:30am

Saturday evening 5:30pm

Sunday School (Beginning Sept 8)

9:30-10:20am

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net

Volunteers in September

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem

Ushers Sept 1, 9am—M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch
8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch
10:30— D Senger, D Steffel

Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish

Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board



Sunday Volunteers Reminders for ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, technology and staff. PLEASE open and check the email.

Prayer List Information

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer Page at crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed (max of one month).
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

A FEW GOOD MEN???

Looking for help loading and unloading the dishwasher for funeral luncheons. Please contact Marlys.

Good to know...

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. Simply call 523-1574. The answering system will direct you to the number for the staff member needed, and emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

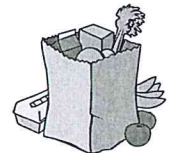
HOSPITALIZED - The church/Pastor is not automatically notified. Please have a family member, friend or the hospital staff make the call.

Oct FOLLOWER deadline is Sept. 16

Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Sept 24

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.

Food Shelf Donations – 61 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf.
Thank you, donors!



ATTENDANCE

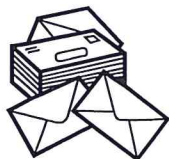
June 16—136	June 23—140	June 30—155
July 07—85	July 14—138	July 21—136
July 28—83	Aug 4—124	Aug 11—84

*Welcome through Baptism
Jackson Elliot Hebrink
Son of Cory and Skye Hebrink*

Business

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Laurie will be ordering the 2014 weekly offering envelopes at the end of September. Please let her know if you won't be needing weekly envelopes, as some members use automatic bill pay or send their offerings once a month.



Council Minutes - JUNE

June 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

Members present: *Dave Altmann, Gordy Blem, Cindy Johnson, Sandy Whited, Natashia Johnson, Todd Gay, David Torgelson, Brian Boen, Keith Larson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen, Marie Rauenhorst*

Staff members present: *Matt Hausken, Chelsey Plumley*

Chelsey was designated as the recorder for the meeting.

Devotions were led by Brian.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Laurie to amend 'a congregation' to 'the congregation.'

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gordy, seconded by Michelle, motion carried.

Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report – Doing well.

A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Marie seconded by Cindy, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Pastor attended Synod Assembly and came back with new thoughts for the upcoming year. One was from Rich Melheim regarding Confirmation and *Faith Five*. *Faith Five* is a devotional program for all ages. Pastor is planning on using a portion of this as curriculum for Confirmation and another portion for students to do with their families.

Faith Five can be integrated easily into the Vibrant Faith Frame that Cross of Calvary is using now. Pastor will offer a 6-week training to a 'focus group.'

Pastor would like to form a committee to look at ways in which to further reach members of the congregation and community.

Minister of Faith Formation's Report- Chelsey reported that the Youth Relay for Life team has grown, and they are beginning fundraising. Next week, Cross of Calvary will host the FUEL Summer Bash which will include campfire worship, snacks, and night games for Jr and Sr High students.

VBS planning is underway. It will be combined with Our Saviors Lutheran and held in Bird Island, August 4-8th. The layout is very similar to what Cross of Calvary has done in the past. With extra hands from each congregation, she sees this year being a success.

Worship & Music- Musicians have been receiving the 'Saturday' pay for 'Sunday' service on Thursdays. It was decided that the musicians are to receive the same rate for the same amount of work.

A motion was made by Gordy to change the number for a quorum from 40 to 60, seconded by Michelle, motion carried.

Technology- The committee did not meet, but Laurie sent an update. The mount for the LED is being made by the Olivia Machine Shop. The LED Panel will be ordered and delivered in July. Installation of the new system is to take place in August.

Property- Dave has requested

three quotes for installation of soffit and fascia. The landscaping around the Chestnut St. sign has begun.

The following committees did not meet. Parish Life, Youth Ministry, Stewardship/Finance, Missions, Parish Education, Evangelism

New Business-

Assembly Offerings - *A motion was made by David to donate \$200 to Luther Seminary, seconded by Gordy, motion carried.*

Prayer Garden – Council discussed plans for completion and maintenance. Pastor will visit with Betsy.

Committees - Council discussed the streamlining of committees into 4 main committees with sub-committees. July committees meet on their own. August committee meetings will follow the new format.

Next Council meeting - August 14 at 7:00 pm.

Next Committees meetings - August 14 at 6:00pm.

July Communion 9:00 Todd

Aug Communion 9:00 Todd
Devotions Dave T

Closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Chelsey Plumley – Council Recorder Designee

Council Minutes - AUGUST

August 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

Members present: *Dave Altmann, Gordy Blem, Cindy Johnson, Sandy Whited, Natashia Johnson,*

Todd Gay, Brian Boen, Keith Larson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen

Staff members present: *Matt Hausken, Laurie Schultze, Chelsey Plumley*

Devotions were led by Pastor Matt.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric, seconded by Todd, motion carried.

Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report for June and July -

Summer offerings have been low. The overall balance is okay.

The remodeling project began with approximately \$175,000. There is \$8,400 left. Two items remain on the wish list - seal coating the parking lot and updating the lighting in the Fellowship Hall. A bid for seal coating will be addressed next year when the city does coating around town. An option to consider is to resurface. Fellowship Hall lighting will be looked into.

The balcony lighting needs to be increased. Spot lights will be added this fall.

Several members of the congregation are attending a Stewardship seminar next week.

A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Eric, seconded by Gordy, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Pastor touched on a number of new things coming up this fall, including the Confirmation curriculum and *Faith Five* practices from Faith Incubators. He has spent a great deal of time planning for everything for fall.

Minister of Faith Formation's Report- Relay for Life was an amazing opportunity for the youth. Their energy was great, and they tripled their goal. VBS was a successful venture with Our Saviors. Chelsey wants to have a meeting with those who helped to evaluate. The Thirty-Hour Famine will take place again this fall. WOW curriculum is from Spark. She is looking forward to new beginnings, as many things feel a little different. Rally is Sept. 8.

Youth Ministry - Fund raising was discussed. Camps went well.

The following committees did not meet—Worship & Music – Parish Life – World Missions – Parish Education - Evangelism

Property- Shared information about flooring. The church received money from the roof manufacturer to repair some water damage to the organ and the speaker. The LED is to be mounted at the end of Aug.

Stewardship/Finance – Shared in the financial report.

Technology- Provided the swing arm is completed, the LED should be in use by Rally Sunday.

—OLD BUSINESS

C of C's offering at the Synod Assembly was shared equally between Luther Seminary, the HIV/AIDS Coordinator in our companion synod, and our three Bible camps.

Council discussed realignment of committees. Pastor will share the information during a Temple Talk on Rally Sunday. Committees will meet at 7pm on the same Wednesday evening as the Council meeting.

Equipping the Congregation —
Parish Life, Parish Education,
Worship and Music

Outreach —
Evangelism and Missions

Administration —
Stewardship, Technology,
Property,

Youth Ministry

Wednesday evenings

5:45 – Confirmation supper
6:30 – Confirmation class
TBD – Senior Choir
7:00 – Committee Meetings (1/mo.)
8:00 – Council Meeting (1/mo.)

—NEW BUSINESS

Capital One Rewards – The church credit card offers rewards. Council asked Laurie to monitor the accumulation of points and report in November. At that time, council will determine how points will be used for church needs.

Maintenance Agreement – *A motion was made by Gordy to enter into a yearly maintenance contract with Chappel Central for the heat and air systems at the church for a cost of \$1,004.04 (cooling) and \$1004.35 (heating), seconded by Todd, motion carried.*

Blue Jean Sunday will be scheduled for Sept 22.

Council reviewed the 2013-2014 Event Calendar.

Next Council meeting is September 18 at 8pm. Committees meet at 7pm.

September duties-
Communion - 8:30 Sandy,
10:30 Gordy

Devotions - Gordy

Closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Schultze, Council Recorder



Blue Jeans Sunday
September 22
Beginning at 9:30

Gather with our Faith Family in lending a hand to clean the church building and grounds. Various chores will be listed throughout the building. Wear your jeans, stay for as long as you can. More hands and friendly faces make the work go quickly!

Tech-news

LED TV—In August the new TV went for a test drive. The clarity and color are a vast improvement! Thank you to the congregation for the feedback regarding backgrounds and text.



The Faithful 15 is our weekly podcast released on Wednesday of each week. Listen anywhere in the world! www.crossofcalvary.net

Clickers!!! We are always looking to train more clickers, those who advance the screens during worship. Laurie would love to visit with you, show you how the system works and give you a chance to give it a hands-on try. It is much easier than you may think!

Fall Craft Retreat

Oct. 31-Nov. 2

Look for registration information in the bulletins and in the Narthex.

Blessings

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the Community Meals on Thursday evenings. A light supper before worship allowed for welcomed fellowship time! What a treat!!!

Our lawns have looked beautiful this year thanks to a dedicated crew of volunteers who weed'n feed and mow and mow and mow!



And the gardens have been thriving! Thanks to those volunteers, also! If you have not had a chance to spend time in the prayer garden, September is still lovely.

Show Me Jesus - from Sarah Hausken—SWMN Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator

I had an interesting experience at a Lutheran Youth Organization meeting this summer. The majority of the youth and many of the adults on our board shared that in general they do not connect with God during worship in their congregations. They love the community in their congregations and they want to worship God, but they do not feel fed.



Again at Family Bible Camp, adults conversed about what they want from worship. They want to fill the God-sized hole in their lives with Jesus.

I recently read an article on the Living Lutheran blog about connecting with all generations in worship written by our very own Pastor Laura Aase of River of Hope Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. My parents also attend River of Hope regularly and have shared with me the way the congregation uses all sorts of methods for people of multiple ages and personalities to encounter Jesus in worship. So I've asked Pastor Laura to lead us in exploring how worship (at whatever time and whatever setting it's offered) can do what all people long for it to do: to SHOW ME JESUS.

Open to ALL who would like to learn more... the SWMN Synod Fall Youth Workers' Retreat will focus on this topic. Whether you're a pastor, paid

youth minister or volunteer, you are called to show people Jesus. I hope you will consider joining us for this time of continuing education with your youth and family ministry team.

The retreat will be held on Tues, Oct. 1 at Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo Lake from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Snacks and lunch are included. Carpooling is an option.

Please see Laurie, Chelsey or Sarah for more information/registration before Sept 20th.

RALLY SUNDAY—Sept 8

8:30 Worship/Blessing of school bags

9:30 Sunday school for kids & parents

10:30 Worship/ Blessing of school bags /Presentation of Bibles for 3rd and 8th graders.

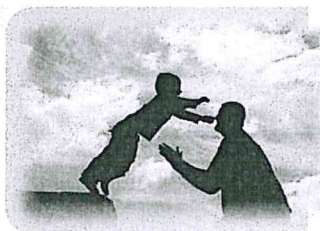
C of C Youth NEWS - September

Hey everyone -

God makes all things NEW! And this fall, we welcome that with wide open arms. We have the same programs, but there are NEW things beginning within those programs - and we are so excited!

Check out the cool stuff below for the most current information.

Rally Sunday



8:30 Worship with the blessing of your child's school bags

9:30 Parents join us for Sunday School registration and family event starting in the sanctuary and ending in your child's classroom with treats and fun.

10:30 Worship with the blessing of your child's school bags and presentation of Bibles to both 3rd and 8th grades.

New this year: Sr. High Sunday school 9-12th grade. 9:30

CHECK IT OUT

- **Sept 4** – Confirmation meeting and class
MEAL: 5:45
CLASS: 6:30
- **Sept 8** – Rally Sunday
- Blessing of backpacks
- Presentation of Bibles
- **Sept 11** – WoW and First Communion classes begin – Take bus #2
- **Sept 13** – Confirmation class football game and Sock Wars
- **Sept 28-29th** – 30 Hour Famine, noon-noon



WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
WoW gr 3-6 and 5 th grade First Communion	Sept 11	Cross of Calvary	Ride bus #2 and join us in a day filled with snacks, games, activities, and devotions!
Confirmation Happy Fun Times Confirmation class gr 8&9	Sept 13	BOLD HS and Cross of Calvary	We start with a night together as a class at the BOLD football game then head over to the church for a few games of Sock Wars!
30 Hour Famine GR. 8-12 (Synod wide)	Sept 28-29 th noon-noon	OLIVIA High School	This overnight opportunity will give you a chance to learn about extreme hunger & poverty; and how you can fight against it. Camp, learn, worship, serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 9:00 Worship	2 Labor Day – Office Closed Library reserved 2-4pm Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	3 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	4 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class	5	6 Rehearsal (TBD)	7 Wedding Worship 5:30pm
8 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 RALLY SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30	9 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	10 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	11 3:15 First Communion Class WOW 3:15-4:30 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class	12	13	14 Worship 5:30pm
15 Communion Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30	16 Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	17 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Office Closed – staff at Synod Mtg	18 3:15 First Communion Class WOW 3:15-4:30 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class Committee Mtgs 7:00pm Council 8:00pm	19	20	21 Worship 5:30pm
22 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Blue Jeans Sunday (cleaning) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Golden Living Service 1pm	23 Ruth Circle at Parkview 1:30 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	24 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm	25 3:15 First Communion Class WOW 3:15-4:30 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class	26 Dorcas Circle 9:30am	27	28 Worship 5:30pm
29 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30	30 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	<h1>September 2013</h1>				

09/01 Hagen, Gladie
09/02 Van Vleet, Madison
09/04 Mittelstadt, Veve
09/04 Sagedahl, Daren
09/05 Weis, Brenna
09/05 Hausken, Bjorn
09/06 Maurice, Elaine
09/06 Balderston, Tom
09/06 Hanson, Chris
09/06 Gluesing, Devin
09/07 Shafer, Nancy
09/07 Rausch, Loren
09/07 Steinbeisser, Dick
09/07 Metteer, Sharon
09/07 Visser, Charlie

09/08 Reese, Kathy
09/08 Linde, Ruth
09/08 Johnson, Lynn
09/08 Bahl, Kaden
09/09 Klinghagen, Marlys
09/09 Elbert, Rich
09/09 Mittelstadt, Brian
09/09 Cole, Angela
09/09 Cole, Madelyn
09/10 Revier, Don
09/10 Ridler, Megan
09/12 Slagter, Barry
09/12 Youngkrantz, Siri
09/13 Revier, Karen
09/13 Bratsch, Darnell
09/14 Fahse, Justin

09/14 Lingl Jr., Joseph
09/14 Skeie, Jordan
09/15 Boehme, Isiah
09/16 Miller, Bill
09/16 Knudson, Debbie
09/18 Mertens, Dawn
09/19 Malecek, Stan
09/19 Osthus, Alicia
09/20 Lingl, Jacob
09/20 Kubesh, Baylie
09/21 Dietrich, Ella
09/23 Plowman, Ione
09/23 Buhr, Carole
09/23 Helmer, Steve
09/24 Franzen, Gloria
09/24 Mertz, June

09/24 Elfering, Elin
09/25 Whited, Ethan
09/25 Fennern, Kaylee
09/25 Bratsch, Jennifer
09/25 Bratsch, Holly
09/26 Lothert Sr, Craig
09/26 Meyer, Kelli
09/26 Trongard, Ashley
09/28 Amberg, Jordan
09/29 Larson, Larry
09/29 Triplett, Dave
09/29 Wogen, Erik
09/29 Meyer, Casey
09/29 Tretsven, Liam
09/30 Erickson, Ryan

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