

January  
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE FOLLOWER

## Pastor's Corner

Blessings to you on this New Year!!!! May 2014 be filled with God's amazing grace!

New Years is always a time of making resolutions. Most of these resolutions center around some form of making yourself stronger—whether that be by eating healthy, exercising, managing finances, working on relationships, etc. All of these things are outstanding. However, I would like to suggest making a resolution that will help bring all of these into focus and meaning. That resolution would be to enhance your life of prayer.

Now, before you skip the rest of this letter because you may feel overwhelmed by that word (prayer) please read on—I promise to be short. This is the program—just start. That's it. There are no formulas. There are no magic words that will make God hear you. There is nothing you have to do before he will start listening to you. To borrow the phrase from Nike—*Just Do It*. Don't think that you have to do it for an hour or 30 minutes or 15 minutes or 5 minutes or even a minute. In fact if you have yet to make it a regular thing, don't set an overwhelming goal. If you are new to this, don't worry, panic, or feel guilty. *Just Do It!* If you are

practiced at this and feel that you just can't do it because time is short and you forget, don't worry, panic, or feel guilty. *Just Do It!* If your prayer is a simple—"Thank you Jesus!"—that is more than sufficient. You are doing several powerful things in that 3-word prayer. One, you are acknowledging that Jesus is there with you. Second, you are acknowledging that Jesus has done or is doing something for you. Third, you are talking to God!

To be sure there are powerful prayers that are long, but there are also incredibly powerful prayers that change people which are very short. God is hearing you because he loves you. When you pray you are taking the time to acknowledge that.

So, if you are just beginning or beginning again, start slow, start with the basics and know that God is listening, and he loves you.

God's grace and peace for a wonderful month of January!

Pastor Matt

## Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Alex Jacobs	B Nelson	Diana Adkins	B Hennen
Jim Harazin	A Osthus	LeAnne Miller	K Grasmon
Joanne Hawkinson	H Hawkinson	Gene Revier	E Revier
Leslie Sagedahl	D Sagedahl	Mike Bruns	C Mallak
Vonnie Sagedahl	D Sagedahl		

Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries  
James Whitcomb and Logan – deployed to Afghanistan



## Worship

Sunday morning 8:30 & 10:30am  
Saturday evening 5:30pm  
Sunday School 9:30-10:20am

## Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

## Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes

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## Volunteers in November

### VOLUNTEERS for January

**Communion** 8:30—B Boen 10:30—E Skeie  
**Ushers** 8:30 — D Lindquist, S Lindquist, R Feil, G Helin  
10:30— R/E Lilja, K Elfering

**Altar Guild** R Berg, T Stovern

**Acolytes** E Skeie,

**Altar Flowers** – sign-up on the board

**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](http://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.

### *New Members*

*are welcomed anytime. Please contact Pastor or Laurie*

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## 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.

**February FOLLOWER deadline is Jan 20**

**Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Jan 28**

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.**

**Food Shelf Donations** – 45 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf.

*Thank you, donors!*



### **ATTENDANCE**

Dec 01—164 Dec 08—187 Dec 15—382

**COMMUNION – Jan 5, 19**



**Weather and Worship.** Cross of Calvary does not cancel worship in case of inclement weather since Pastor lives next door. However, PLEASE make wise choices about being on the road when the weather is bad. May the Lord watch over your travels.

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### Business

The *FOLLOWER* and the *BULLETIN* are available on our website at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net). Just click the tab that says Blog.

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- Go to our website at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- Scroll to the bottom of the Home page
- Subscribe to our Blog by entering your email .

***The Refrigerators*** In an effort to see that foods in the refrigerators have a purpose, rather than going bad, following an event let's try...

1. If leftovers look like something that may be used for Confirmation supper, check the BOARD to see who may be serving and offer it to them, or please call Chelsey or Laurie.
2. Share the leftovers among those who are serving the event and discard the rest.



# Council Minutes - December 18, 2013



The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

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

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

Devotions were led by Cindy.

*The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marie, seconded by Keith, motion carried.*

## **Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report - Gordy**

Curt Sather, Treasurer, reviewed the monthly report. We are on track to meet budget.

*Eric made a motion to approve the designation of \$1,500.00 of Pastor's salary as a housing/furnishings allowance, seconded by Michelle, motion carried.*

The council agreed that Cross of Calvary will transfer banking to F&M and discussed procedures for bank deposits.

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

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor reports that December is going by a

rapid rate. Normal visits and Bible studies continue. Pastor will be conducting a 10am service Christmas Eve at Fairview Place. He is looking forward to the new year and shared that the staff will be attending Midwinter Convocation at Luther Seminary at the end of January.

**Minister of Faith Formation's Report-** Jr. High Gathering was a success. Many Cross of Calvary youth were there for the first time and had a positive experience. WeeWOW and choirs start in Jan. The Christmas program went really well. Chelsey will be attending a continuing education event in January.

**Committee Reports -** No committee meetings were held.

**Administration-** Dave A, Keith, Michelle, Todd

Dave reported that the soffit and fascia may be scheduled in January and some repair work was done on the north end of the roof in December.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Council continued discussion of how funerals are conducted at Cross of Calvary. *A motion was made by Michelle to adopt the Cross of Calvary Funeral Policy, seconded by Todd, motion carried.* The policy will be published in the January Follower.

Laurie shared the Capital One Rewards information, and will check into the charitable giving option.

Todd shared that three bids are expected for insurance. Renewal is up in February.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> between services (9:30). The alternate date is January 26.

Committee Reports and Financials are due in the office no later than January 6, 2013.

Changes to Constitution – *A motion was made by Gordy to bring the following changes in the Constitution to the Annual Meeting for approval by the congregation, seconded by Dave A., motion carried.*

- Allow Council approval for expenditures up to \$5,000 (currently \$2,000). C12.05.c.
- Sixty voting members shall constitute a quorum (currently 40). C10.04.
- The Annual Congregational meeting will be changed from the fourth Wednesday of January to date in January of each year as determined by the council. Two weeks' notice will be given prior to the date and include an alternative date. C10.01.a

The Personnel Committee presented the Cross of Calvary Personnel Committee Policy for Pastoral Sabbatical. Discussion followed. *A motion to approve the policy for sabbatical was made by Gordy, seconded by Michelle, motion carried.* The

policy will be published in the January Follower.

Facility hours – In order to accommodate the need for members to access the building earlier than 8:30am to deliver food/items for events such as the Ham Dinner, Bazaar, funerals, etc., the building will be opened by 7:15am prior to the event. The number of days will be coordinated between the event leaders and office staff.

The Council was made aware of the Altar Guild's change in their Constitution regarding holding 4 meetings per year. The Council had no objection.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014, at 8pm. Committees at 7pm.

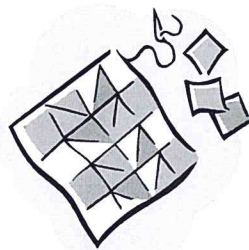
Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Schultze,  
Council Recorder

**We are no longer  
accepting used printer  
or toner cartridges.**

When needing to borrow  
anything from church,  
please check in with the  
office.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

January 19, 2014 at 9:30  
(alternate 01/26/14)



### MISSION QUILTERS

begin meeting on Thursday, January 2, at 9am. Come and go as your schedule allows. You are welcome to bring a lunch. Snacks to share are fun!

**Orders for your Super Bowl  
pizzas**



**beginning  
JANUARY 5th**

**Check in with a participating  
youth in grades 2-12.**

**SUPER WOWZA!!!** Thank you Cross of Calvary. Your gift of ~~\$1,945.00~~ **\$2,335.00** to Gideons International is greatly appreciated! Blessings to each and every one of you this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



The Gideons International



*The Faithful 15* is our weekly podcast released on Wednesday of each week.

Listen anywhere in the world!  
[www.crossofcalvary.net](http://www.crossofcalvary.net)

### Weekly Worship Resources

*Bulletin – These have a color cover and contain announcements, needs for the week and the prayer list. There is one copy for each household.*

*Order of Service – These are on white paper and contain the liturgy, readings and hymns for today's service. Please return them to the ushers so there are enough for each service.*

**Nat. Youth Gathering Meeting** for families with youth graduating in 2015-2018 will be held on Jan 12 at 9:30am.



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## Offerings

Weekly offering envelopes will be available in church mailboxes at the end of December. If, due to the yearly updating of the role, your envelopes were inadvertently excluded, please let Laurie know. She can issue your envelopes at anytime.

For those who submit checks without an offering envelope, use automatic deposit or do online banking, please include your account number on your checks. Laurie will place your account number in your mailbox.

## Blessings



Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar are always welcome.

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call or email Laurie in the office to indicate what you'd like in the bulletin – in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of. Note: without a designation, no reference will be printed.
- Have flowers delivered by 4pm on Saturday.

**Great fellowship is waiting, how about signing up for coffee?!?!?** The following dates are open and available for groups or individuals to sign up and host.

### OPENINGS

Jan 5  
Feb 2, 16  
Mar 2, 9, 23, 30  
Apr 6—Ham Dinner  
Apr 13—Palm Sunday Breakfast  
Apr 20—Easter (no coffee)  
Apr 27  
May 11  
May 18—Senior Recognition



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## Birthdays



01/01	Stryker, Daylea	01/09	Evenson, Hunter	01/21	Steffel, Abby
01/02	Ledeboer, Allen	01/09	Honzay, Haeden	01/21	Mittelstadt, Martin
01/02	Kircher, Alan	01/11	Balderston, Breanna	01/22	Barta, Dennis
01/02	Weber, Connor	01/11	Altmann, Jessica	01/23	Sagedahl, Taylor
01/02	Hackmann, Kristina	01/12	Wallert, Stephanie	01/24	Mages, Nancy
01/03	Revier, Tom	01/13	Fahse, Bethel	01/24	Slaughter, Julie
01/04	Malvin, Shane	01/14	Enstad, Christel	01/25	Zimmer, Kathie
01/04	Lilja, McKenna	01/16	Johnson, Faye	01/25	Klinghagen, Brian
01/04	Robideau, Landon	01/16	Balderston, Sandy	01/25	Mogard, Brandon
01/05	Holland, Matt	01/17	Mages, Becky	01/26	Honzay, Bob
01/06	Jensen, Michelle	01/17	Thiesse, Rebecca	01/27	Senger, Duane
01/07	Mallak, Sara	01/17	Morse, John	01/27	Larson, Cameron
01/07	Erickson, Krista	01/18	Knudson, Doug	01/28	Cluka, Jazlynn
01/08	Lindquist, Myra	01/19	Mallak, Cheryl	01/29	Livingood, Elaine
01/08	Nelson, Becky	01/19	Dobmeier, Jason	01/31	Gay, Sandy
01/08	Gay, Alex	01/19	Triplett, Logan	01/31	Kopel, Tim
01/08	Skeie, Elsa	01/20	Mages, Ella Jo	01/31	Honzay, Travis

## Cross of Calvary Funeral Policy

Throughout the generations, one of the wonderful ministries of Cross of Calvary occurs when the church comes together to bury the dead. While the style of funerals and memorial services may change throughout the years, one constant that never changes is the grief and emotions felt by those close to the deceased. Therefore, in our desire to provide the proper attention the family deserves, Cross of Calvary requires the family to work with a licensed funeral director. Funeral directors not only arrange all aspects of a funeral; most importantly, they assist grieving families and are present at the service. If a family has not chosen a funeral director, the church office will provide information, sharing that within 25 miles of Olivia there are six mortuaries that may be contacted to assist with their service.

Why this policy? There are a multitude of preparations that take place at a funeral or memorial service, most of which the family may have no concept of “how they get done.” Such items would include, yet are not limited to supply of tables for placement of urn/memorials/photos; providing flower stands/easels/ register book/memorial cards; taking responsibility to clearly communicate the wishes of the family with the clergy and church staff; coordinating reserved pews as well as organizing and guiding the family through the processional & recessional; proper arrangements for and payment to musicians or clergy and to those providing lunch; staging of vehicles for cemetery procession as well as coordination of police escorts, etc. The staff at Cross of Calvary is not equipped to provide such detailed services. So, in order to relieve undue stress and worry for the family, a Christian funeral/memorial service at Cross of Calvary needs the guidance from a licensed funeral director. This, in turn allows the church staff to concentrate on arranging the church service and bulletin, coordinating music, and most importantly, preparing the scripture and message to pay tribute to the deceased.

Cross of Calvary Church Council

December 18, 2013



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE POLICY FOR PASTORAL SABBATICAL  
CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OLIVIA, MINNESOTA**

1. The pastoral sabbatical process is to be initiated at the discretion of the church council, based on need, to the rostered pastor after a minimum of eight (8) years of service/employment at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, Olivia, Minnesota.
2. A specific proposal for the sabbatical should be presented to the congregation council four months before the sabbatical is to begin. This proposal should include specific goals and objectives, and detail activities designed to achieve these goals and objectives. A copy of this proposal should be sent to the synodical bishop.
3. The length of the sabbatical is determined by the council and will be a minimum of six (6) weeks and a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
4. During the sabbatical, the congregation assumes essential leadership roles or provides for interim leadership while the rostered pastor is away. The congregation's leaders and the pastor should work together prior to the sabbatical to arrange for necessary pastoral coverage during the sabbatical.
5. The congregation continues to pay salary and all benefits except mileage during the sabbatical. A sabbatical is not vacation and sabbatical time should not be counted as vacation time.
6. The rostered pastor agrees to serve with the congregation for at least one year following completion of the sabbatical.
7. When sabbatical begins, the rostered pastor discontinues all leadership roles in the congregation.
8. Within 90 days after the completion of the sabbatical, the rostered pastor files a written report on the sabbatical with the bishop and the congregation. This written report should include:
  - a. A restatement of goals and objectives
  - b. A listing of activities undertaken to reach these goals and objectives
  - c. A summary of what was learned and achieved related to the goals and objectives
9. It is understood that the sabbatical serves as all the continuing education time for the year in which the sabbatical is taken.

December 18, 2013



# C of C Youth NEWS January

Happy New Year!

What a blessing to begin this new year with each of you.

May you find something NEW to be thankful for each day!

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

## WoW, WeeWoW - Junior & Cherub Choirs

Wee WoW/Cherub choir:  
Grades K-2  
WoW/Junior choir: Grades 3-6

**Starting on WED, JAN 8, after  
school until 4:30**

**\*\*Take bus #2 to the church.**

Snacks, Bible Time, Activities,  
Choir Practice

**Adults/Sr. High students---**  
**WE NEED YOU! SIGN UP ON THE**  
**BOARD - provide a snack, help Sarah**  
**with choirs, or help Chelsey with class.**  
Choirs perform 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ea. Month  
January 12, Feb 9, March 9, April 13



## PIZZA FUNDRAISER Just in time for the Super Bowl!

2<sup>nd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are  
selling pizzas  
beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>

**These kids are raising money  
for their youth accounts.**

This helps deflect registration  
and transportation costs.  
Contact Chelsey for more Info.

**PICK UP: Jan 31 5-6:30**  
**HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!**

### CHECK IT OUT

- **Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** –  
Sunday School resumes  
• Papa Murphey's pizza  
Sales begin
- **Jan 8<sup>th</sup>** – WoW/WeeWow  
& Choirs begin for K-6<sup>th</sup> gr
- **Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** – National  
Gathering meeting 9:30  
• **Junior & Cherub choirs**  
sing 8:30&10:30
- **Jan 24<sup>th</sup>** – Augusta Lock in
- **NO PROGRAMS Jan 29/30**  
- All staff gone
- **Jan 31 - PIZZA PICK UP**  
5-6:30 in Nursery
- **Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Souper Bowl of  
Caring

### Coffee Hour Hosts:

**Jan 12**

D. Revier, C. Weis,  
S Evenson, P. Mogard

**Jan 26**

N.Bahl, C.Hanson,  
J. Lingl, J. Lothert



## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
WeeWoW/Cherub Choir Gr. K-2 WoW/ Junior Choir Gr 3-6	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> (and each Wed.) After school until 4:30	Cross of Calvary	WoW continues with the addition of choir practice! The kids perform the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month during the 8:30 worship service and at the very beginning of the 10:30 service.
All parents & students graduating 2015-2018 interested in 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering National Gathering Meeting	January 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM	Cross of Calvary Library	Our ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in Detroit this year. Come hear what a National Gathering entails and get a jump start on fundraising. Grab a coffee and meet Chelsey to discuss the upcoming year!
Confirmation students and Confirmation Leaders Augusta Lock-In	Jan 24-25	Cross of Calvary	Here is a lock in for our older crew! We will be staying at the church for a night of fun led by college students.
Souper Bowl of Caring WoW & WeeWoW	Feb 2	Cross of Calvary	Our annual event to help raise money and items for our local Food Shelf.



# January 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day – Office Closed No Wed. Programs	2 Quilters 9:00	3	4 Worship 5:30
5 Pizza orders begin Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30	6 Library reserved 2-4pm 6:30 Scouts – rm 2&8 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm Scouts 6:30 Rm 6	7 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am 6:30 Scouts – rm 8	8 3:15 Kids' Choirs, WOW, WeeWOW 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class 6:30 Sr. Choir	9 Quilters 9:00	10	11 Worship 5:30
12 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 9:30 Nat Gathering Mtg Baptismal Reunion 10:30	13 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am 6:00 Scouts Rm 2 6:30 Scouts – rm 8	15 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class 6:30 Sr. Choir Committees 7pm Council 8pm	16 Quilters 9:00	17	18 Worship 5:30
19 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Annual Meeting 9:30 Sunday School 9:30	20 Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	21 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	22 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class 6:30 Sr. Choir	23 Quilters 9:00 Dorcas Circle 9:30am	24 Agusta Lock-in	25 Agusta Lock-in Worship 5:30
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