

***The Follower***

*October 2016*



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13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

1 Kings 17:13-14

**PASTOR’S CORNER**



As we move into the fall we enter into our 2nd month of our Reformation celebration, and this is THE month that we look towards. It was at the very end of this month that Luther posted his now famous 95 Theses. This seemingly small event triggered events that altered the course of Western history for generations.

Luther did not post the 95 Thesis to start a huge movement. He did not want to leave the church. He did not want the public to read these statements. To us it seems like he did this in a dramatic way posting them on the church door in Wittenberg. After all who nails things to a church door. Well, in Luther’s day the answer would have been a lot of people. This was especially done by college professors (which Luther was). The church door served as a bulletin board for the college. Luther posted these thesis on the door to call for an in school discussion on the matter of indulges (what you could buy to shorten the stay in purgatory for loved ones). Luther posted them in Latin. This underscores the fact he did not write them for general public consumption, only for academic debate.

As history would have it, someone would get ahold of these questions for academic debate. They would then publish them in the German language and the rest, as they say, is history. From a small event in the life of a professor at a small university, God set in motion a reformation.

This serves as a reminder to all of us every day that everything we do (no matter how small) has an impact. God takes our work and does wonders with it. So, may we go out each day knowing that we are serving the Living God who uses us to do amazing things in very ordinary ways!

God’s blessings for a wonderful month of October!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

**PRAYERS OF HEALING AND STRENGTH**

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

*Vonna Ledeboer A. Ledeboer*

*Diana Adkins B. Hennen*

*Jill Revolinski C. Mallak*

*Greg & Evelyn Rosenow T. Kadelbach*

*Ann Orth Don Orth*

*Roger Schultes …………………………………………………………………………………………………….. Lynnette Blem*

*Abbie McGregor…. ……………………………………………………………………………Aaron & Heather Thompson*

*Carol Senkyr.............................................................................................................Pastor Matt Hausken*

*Ian Nelson..............................................................................................................................Becky Nelson*

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1  Worship 5:30 |
| 2  Worship 8:30/10:30  Communion  Sunday School 9:30  CLEANING DAY!! | 3  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 4  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 5  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm | 6 | 7 | 8  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 9  Worship 8:30/10:30….  Sunday School 9:30 am  Hay Ride from 5-8pm | 10  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 11  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 12  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm | 13 | 14 | 15  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 16  Worship 8:30/10:33  Communion  Sunday School 9:30 am | 17  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 18  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 19  Outreach Committee 5:30  **No WOW or Confirmation**  Council Meeting 7:30 pm | 20  MEA | 21  MEA | 22  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 23  Worship 8:30/10:30…  NO: Sunday School 9:30 am | 24  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 pm (Parkview) | 25  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 26  No Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  NO: WOW at 3:15  Confirmation Banquet | 27  Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am | 28 | 29  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 30 Confirmation Sunday  Worship 8:30/10:30  Sunday School 9:30 am | 31  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 1  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 2  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm | 3 Craft Retreat | 4 Craft Retreat | 5 Craft Retreat  Worship 5:30 |

**OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

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**COMMUNION 8:30 – Jon Hawkinson/10:30 – DeeAnne Newville**

**USHERS 8:30 – Dick Hagen, Gladie Hagen**

**10:30 – Steve Johnson, Lynn Johnson**

**ACOLYTES Hanna Larson, Olivia Hanson**

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

***Programs***

**Sunday School**

*Sunday - 9:30-10:20am*

**Confirmation Class & Meal**

*Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm*

*Meal served at 5:45pm*

**WOW**

**(Wonders on Wednesdays)**

*Wednesday – 3:15-5:00pm*

This after school program is for kids in grades 1-6 to come to church and have fun with friends, games, activities, Bible lessons, singing and more!

**Breakfast Club**

*Thursday – 7:07am*

Breakfast is served for grades

9-12 at Cross of Calvary!

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

***Youth Feature***

The school year is starting off great! God is working through all of the youth programs at Cross of Calvary!

There has been a great group of kids showing up at WOW on Wednesdays. We have done some really fun activities including bobbing for apples, scavenger hunts, and various crafts. It is really fun to see the kids get so excited about all these activities.

There has also been a great group of high schoolers coming to Breakfast Club on Thursday mornings. Pastor Matt has been leading a great discussion every week where these youth can ask questions and grow in their faith. It is awesome that these kids make it a priority to wake up early in the morning to come spend time with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

***Youth Calendar Events***

**October 9**

WOW Choir sings at both worship services

**October 19**

No WOW – MEA Weekend

**October 23**

No Sunday School – MEA Weekend

**October 26**

No WOW

Confirmation Banquet

**October 30**

Confirmation Sunday

***Coffee Hour Schedule***

**October 2**

Visser

Iverson

Young

Siems

Fennern

**October 9**

Thompson

Garcia

Serbus (Taylor/Tanya)

Revier (Dave/Chris)

**October 16**

Stryker

Holland

Stuhl

Robideau

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELBRATE “REFORMATION” 500 YEARS!**

In 2017 it will be the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, and we are celebrating for a full year leading up to it! Each month we will have a planned event to celebrate.

**Confirmation Meals**

Sign-up sheet is on the Youth Board! Thank you in advance for helping!!

(24 students and about 6 adults)



**ALL CHURCH HAYRIDE EVENT**

October 9th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Cross of Calvary

Potluck starting @ 5:00 pm – Serving: Hot Dogs provided to roast over the fire!!!

* Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share!

Hayrides, lawn games, campfire!

Come celebrate fall with Cross of Calvary!!



10/01 Lora Mathison 10/11 Cheryl Hennen 10/24 Maureen Hanson

10/01 Bruce Mages 10/11 Tonia Ridler 10/24 Mary Doering

10/01 Kristi O’Neill 10/11 Brian Schultes 10/25 MaryAnne Bentley

10/01 Deborah Grannes 10/11 Chelsey Bellig 10/25 Bob Erickson

10/01 Kathy Altmann 10/11 Timothy Wallert 10/25 Julian Christian

10/01 Sevarii Jimenez 10/12 Marie Peterson 10/26 Brian Boen

10/03 Kailynn Vait 10/12 Thomas Newville 10/26 Sandra Whited

10/05 Lilly Kern 10/12 Steve Torkelson 10/26 Makenna Steffel

10/05 Pam Jacobson 10/12 Matt Hennen 10/27 Richard Sigurdson

10/05 Randy Steffel 10/12 Jennifer Olson 10/27 Dave Altmann

10/06 Merlene Bratsch 10/13 Jim McDowell 10/27 Jon Hawkinson

10/06 Mark Thiesse 10/14 Kelsey Thorpe 10/28 Charles Morse

10/06 Keela Grund 10/15 LeAnn Maurice 10/28 Bethanie Johnson

10/07 Joshua Mages 10/15 Jake Evenson 10/30 David Lindquist

10/07 Logan Erickson 10/15 Finn Stratton 10/30 Jim Doering

10/07 Tyler Flom 10/16 Sharlene Baumgartner 10/30 Mike Grund

10/08 Barbara Miller 10/16 Jodi Vesterby 10/30 Troy Honzay

10/08 Shauna Wagner 10/16 Sarah Johnson-Stafford 10/30 Hunter Ridler

10/10 Marie Rauenhorst 10/16 Edgar Kopel 10/31 June Grannes

10/10 Peggy Boehme 10/17 Tami Stovern 10/31 Cindy Thiesse

10/10 Sarah Helmer 10/18 Tyler Slagter 10/31 Reed Nelson

10/10 Cory Hebrink 10/19 Joan Novak 10/31 Addelyn Malvin

10/10 Lillian Christian 10/19 Lowanda Frank 10/31 Lincoln Robideau

10/21 Jennifer Grund

10/22 Paul Hanson

10/22 Aaron Blem

10/22 Hadley Weis

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**Minute for: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 7:30pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

(X)Aaron Thompson 2017\* (X) Jon Hawkinson 2018 (X) Eric Skeie 2019\*

(X)Keith Larson 2017\* (X) Bobbi Kopel 2018 (X) Natasha Johnson 2019\*

(X)Cindy Johnson 2017\* (X) Paul Buhr 2019 (X) Michelle Jensen 2019\*

(\_) DeeAnne Newville 2017 (X) Gordon Blem 2019

(X)Steve Altmann 2018 Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)

\*Second term

**STAFF**

(X) Pastor Matt Hausken (X) Ashley Schmidt, Minister of Faith Formation (X) Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting called to order- ***President Eric Skeie***
2. Devotions –***Natashia***
3. Approve minutes of the ***August and Congregational meeting (held on Sept. 18, 2016)***– Amendment added to included Congregational meeting minutes also: Motion by Jon and seconded by Natashia. Motion to approve the minutes by Gordy, seconded by Aaron, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports *–****August -*** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy, seconded by Michelle, motion passed.
5. Pastors Report

* Confirmation is going very well.
* Book Club: order will be place on Monday, September 26, 2016
* Last scheduled wedding for the year was Sept. 17, making a total of 7 wedding this summer.
* Discussed the MIA Martin Luther Reformation poster and going to the exhibit as a group from ross of Calvary on Jan. 15, 2017

1. Minister of Faith Formation’s report

* WOW: about 25 students attending (volunteers are great and welcomed)
* Breakfast Club is hosting 7 to 8 students, up from last year.
* Sunday school is running smoothly.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Youth Ministry- none
2. Equipping the Congregation - none
3. Outreach – gave money to Greater Area Suicide Awareness: September was Suicide Awareness Month

4. Administration – 1. Dishwasher in the Parsonage is broken. A motion by Steve to give an allowance of up to $600 to purchase to

new white dishwasher was made, seconded by Natashia, motion passed. (Keith Larson gave dollar amounts for replacement from Olivia

Appliance) 2. Tile and carpet in the Sanctuary is in need of repair/replacement. The council decided to have them cleaned first and

then review the need. 3. Shingles need to be replaced on the parsonage, tabled until a later date.

5. AED Maintence – Steve checked.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Website Information –Vanco for a website online giving/directory: progress?
* Vanco is all set up and ready. A presentation is needed to the congregation. It was recommended that Steve give the presentation.
* Sign for West side of building – notes from September 18 Congregational Meeting
* Minutes from meeting are attached.
* Reminder needed in September for storing Wogen benches. Steve moved on Monday, September 19, 2016
* Benches were moved and stored at Vision System.

**October 2nd – Church cleaning day.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Zumba Class held at Cross of Calvary – Cheryl Malecek would like to use the fellowship hall to teach a Zumba class. The times she would like to teach are Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm and Saturdays from 8-9 am.
* After discussion, a motion was made by Steve to allow Cheryl to hold the Zumba classes until the beginning of January and review then, seconded by Jon, motion passed.
* The Fellowship Hall and Narthex carpet need to be cleaned. The janitors would like to hire the job out.
* Three bids will be gathered, with the lowest bid excepted. Cleaning will take place Oct. 19. A motion was make by Natashia to move forward and seconded by Steve, motion passed.
* Cub Scouts would like to place a storage shed on church property. Letter and details are on the attached email. (copy)
* The placement to the shortage shed was denied because the church is looking into building a two door garage in the same location. A motion was made to deny by Steve and seconded by Cindy. Motion passed.
* Discussion about changing internet service from Century link to Light Beam.
* Discussion how to raise money for new sign.
* A committee was formed to start gathering ideas for fundraising. (Gordy, Natashia and Jon)

Next Council meeting: Wednesday October 12th at 7:30 pm

October Communion: 8:30 = Jon, 10:30 = DeeAnne

October Devotions – DeeAnne

**Adjourn / Close in prayer.**

**Congregational Meeting – 9/18/2016**

New Sign on West side of Church

Called to Order – Eric Skeie

Prayer – Pastor Matt

Eric explained to the congregation that we will ask for a voice vote. However, he did give the group the option to ask for a ballot vote. Receiving no requests for a ballot vote, the meeting proceeded with the understanding we would have a voice vote.

Presentation on the new sign proposal – Gordy Blem

Overview of the presentation:

• Committee – 5 volunteers

Paul Buhr, Gladie Hagen, Cheryl Mallak, Michelle Jensen, Gordy Blem

• Old sign is run down and has some footing issues

• Worked with the City of Olivia – Sign placement rules

• New sign is similar in size 9’3” tall, 11’ wide, and 8” thick

• Solid stone, outlined in dark brown

• A section of the sign is designed to add an electronic sign in the future, if desired

• The design matches the church

• Footings are designed to handle wet area

• Approximate price - $28,500

Includes design, engineering and footing work

Close to starting a fundraising campaign with the first $3,000 raised matched by Thrivent choice dollars

Ideally, we would have to have all the funds raised by December 15, 2016 so the stone can be ordered in time for a spring installation

Quorum established - 60 members

Motion to move forward with fundraising for the project:

• Dick Hagen / Todd Gay

• Discussion followed

• Motion carried unanimously

A suggestion was made to send an email to members with a picture of the new sign so they may send to out of town family and friends to ask for donations.

Motion to Adjourn

• Colin Berg / Stacy Larson – motion carried unanimously