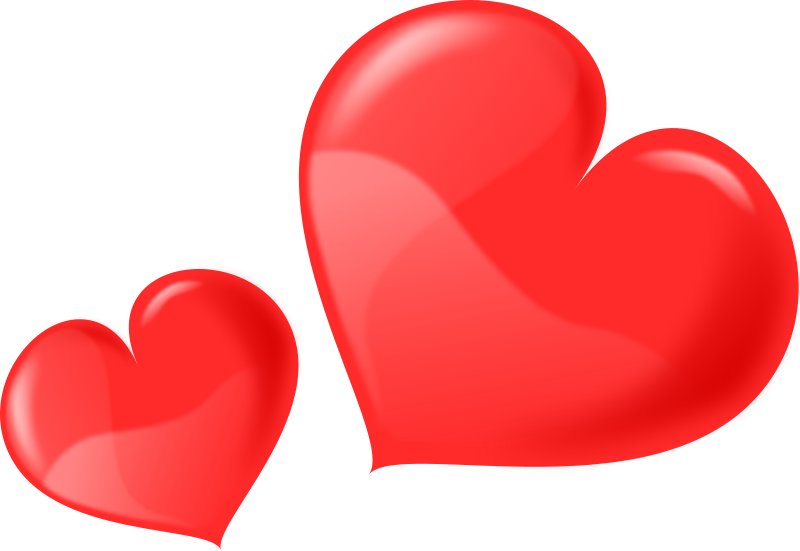


***The Follower***

*February 2017*



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**So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

**1 John 4:16**

**PASTOR’S CORNER**



**A blessed beginning of February to all of you! This is one of the rare February’s that we do not have any part of Lent in the month. We focus this month on the season of Epiphany. Now the season of Epiphany is oftentimes the forgotten season. It is sandwiched between two of the most reflected on seasons—Christmas and Lent. But, it is very deserving of recognition. If, for nothing else, the encouragement it gives us to see Christ in the world.**

**The word epiphany literally a moment of sudden revelation or insight. Another meaning is the revealing of a divine or supernatural meaning. We as a church celebrate Epiphany on January 6. This commemorates the wise men visiting Jesus after being guided by a star. Then the season of Epiphany lasts until Ash Wednesday, which will be March 1 this year. But, during this season we look at ways in our worship and in our readings of how Christ made himself known to his earlier followers. We then hope that we are guided by this to have Christ make his presence known to us in our lives. Then we go and share how Christ has been revealed to us. We remembered that the wise men didn’t keep this event secret; they shared what they had seen.**

**We hope that this practices of seeing and hearing about different epiphanies will lead us to see the many different ways that Christ reveals himself to us every single day. Then, when we see it, we pray that God may give us the strength to share it with others.**

**God’s blessings for a wonderful season of Epiphany!**

**God’s grace and peace to all of you!**

**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*

*Lesley Sagedahl................................................................................................................Daren Sagedahl*

*Caryn Jandl...........................................................................................................................Karen Barta*

*Pat Aalderks…..………………………………………………………………………………………………………..Pastor Matt*

*Kent Kircher …………………………………………………………………………………………………….…..…Pastor Matt*

*Roger Schultes……………………………………………………………………………………………………….Lynette Blem*

*Jenna Reynolds…………………………………………………………………………………………….Stan & Sue Malecek*

*Warren Mitchell ……………………………………………………………………………………………………...Angela Cole*

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
| Office Closed | Office Closed |  | 1No Confirmation or WOW  Office Closed  Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation | 2  Quilters – 9:00 am  Office Closed  Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation | 3  Office Closed  Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation | 4  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 5  Worship 8:30/10:30  Communion  Baptism at 10:30 | 6  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 7  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 8  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm | 9  Quilters – 9:00 am | 10 | 11  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 12  Worship 8:30/10:30….  Sunday School 9:30 | 13  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 14  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am  Synod Using Fellowship hall & Kitchen 9-10:30 am | 15  Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm  Church Council Mtg. 7:30 | 16  Quilters – 9:00 am | 17 | 18  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 19  Worship 8:30/10:33  Sunday School 9:30  Communion | 20  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 21  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 22  Confirmation Meal at 5:45 Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm  Altar Guild Mtg. 7:30 | 23  Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am at church  Quilters – 9:00 am | 24 | 25  Worship 5:30 pm |
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**FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION 8:30 – Bobbi Kopel 10:30 – Eric Skeie**

**USHERS 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Todd Gay, Brian Boen, Stan Malecek**

**10:30 – -Corey Gluesing & Aaron Thompson**

**ACOLYTES: Ella Mages & Kya Young**

**ALTAR GUILD: Lynette Blem & Lowanda Frank**

**Community and Church Information**

**Confirmation Suppers:** Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities…hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD.

Dates with openings: Feb.8, 15 and 22

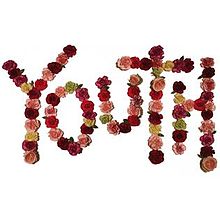


Dana Boen is teaching a chair exercise class 2 times a week at Tula, located in downtown Olivia.  If you have joint issues, or problems with balance, this would be a great way to get some exercise!  Just contact Dana at [320-894-7885](tel:(320)%20894-7885) for prices and times the class is offered, or if you just have any questions.

****The Spring 2017 Cross of Calvary Craft Retreat "Ordinary Joy"

will be held March 9-11. Registration forms will be available at church. The fee for the retreat will be $25. For your fee you will get a table to work on, four meals, and wonderful fellowship. Space is limited.

**February is Food Shelf month for ALL Lutherans. Cross of Calvary will be collecting food shelf items the month of February. Please bring any items you would like to donate (money is also an option, please place in a sealed envelope and mark Food Shelf) and place them in the shopping cart in the Narthex.**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

We are currently looking for two volunteers each week to help with our Wednesday after school program—WOW. For the next month we will be using the Martin Luther Comic book, Papa Luther. Then from there we branch off into other activities. Pastor Matt leads the opening and will also help with one of the activities. Each activity will be all laid out for you—game, craft, service project. So, you will not have to gather supplies, just lead the activity. The dates needed right now are February 8th, 15th and 22nd. If you can help with any of these dates fell free to contact Pastor Matt on Facebook or at 320-579-0839—thank you so much!!!

**Super Bowl of Caring Sunday will be coming soon on February 5th. Remember to start saving your change (coins). The Youth will be collecting on Sunday, February 5th.**

**Sunday School**

Sun. – 9:30-10

3 years old – Grade 9

**WOW**

Wed. – 3:15-5:00pm

Grades 1-6

**Confirmation**

Wednesday

Meal at 5:45pm

Class at 6:30-7:30pm

**Breakfast Club**

Thursday – 7:07am

Grades 9-12

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**February Birthdays**

**02/01 Joanne Balgaard 02/09 Douglas Agre 02/21 Jennifer Blad**

**02/01 Eric Skeie 02/10 Erma Revier 02/22 Vonna Ledeboer**

**02/01 Kiah Morse 02/10 Seth Wagner 02/22 Randy Marguth**

**02/01 Connor Torkelson 02/10 Broderick Prokosch 02/23 Lyn Knoke**

**02/01 Kaydence Meints 02/10 Connor Blad 02/23 Dirk Siems**

**02/02 Dick Hagen 02/11 Kelsey Wertish 02/23 Taylor Serbus**

**02/02 Bruce Metteer 02/11 Allie Paulsen 02/23 Travis Mallak**

**02/02 Nathan Flom 02/12 Robin Amberg 02/23 Brandy Haugen**

**02/03 Teeny Kadelbach 02/12 Krista Beckler 02/24 Marge Johnson**

**02/03 Stacey Larson 02/12 Mackenzie Visser 02/24 Jody Steffel**

**02/03 Tom Wick 02/12 Logan Osthus 02/24 Curt Weis**

**02/04 McKenna Siems (Beckler) 02/14 John Dotson 02/24 Tammy Jacobson**

**02/05 Porter Youngkrantz 02/14 Sue Altmann 02/24 Jennifer Visser**

**02/06 Amy Dietrich 02/14 Jill Hanson 02/24 Delaney Holland**

**02/06 Clint Olson 02/14 Heather Thompson 02/24 Chase Schwer**

**02/06 Tosha Hennen 02/15 Lynn Tesch 02/25 Sharon Alton**

**02/07 Tanner Mitchell 02/16 Bob Wertish 02/25 Zach Robideau**

**02/08 Michael Woltjer 02/16 Dennis Aumer 02/25 Cassandra Hennager**

**02/08 Susan Lang 02/16 Mary Samuelson 02/26 Barb Trochlil**

**02/08 George Garcia 02/17 Chloe Altmann 02/26 Freddie Ridler**

**02/08 Kayla Maurice 02/18 Judy Kopacek 02/26 Cory Kingstrom**

**02/08 Jacob Brustuen 02/18 Jason Valentin 02/26 Tyler Rock**

**02/08 Emily Revier 02/19 Tami Steffel 02/27 Christopher Honzay**

**02/08 Kaylee Hilgert 02/20 DeeAnne Newville 02/27 Ryan Blad**

**02/27 Carson Serbus**

**02/28 Cody Cole**

**Fundraising for the new sign at**

**Cross of Calvary on Highway #71**

**The goal is to fill all the letters on the picture below; each letter represents a $1,000.**

**Estimated cost: $28,500.00**

**WOW, only $4,552.00 to go!!**

**Thank you!!!!**

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 7:30pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS

(\_) 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 (\_) Michelle Jensen 2019\*

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

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

\*Second term

STAFF

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

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting called to order- President Eric Skeie

2. Devotions – Bobbi Kopel

3. Approve minutes of the December meeting – Motion to approve the minutes by Gordy, seconded by Natashia, motion passed.

4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports –December - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Natashia, seconded by Keith, motion passed.

5. Pastor’s report

-December services were good; Pastor Matt visited shut ins for Communion and generally busy with the Christmas holiday events.

6. Minister of Faith Formation’s report

-no report: all activities have been running smoothly, but could use extra help with Wednesday afternoon programs

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Youth Ministry- none

2. Equipping the Congregation - none

3. Outreach – (Jon) 10% of budget has been used for 2 organizations: Circle Kinship has been given $500 for needs to the program (they were broken into in December) and also to: House of Hope has been given $100 to help furnish a room. The house is located here in Olivia. Jon made a motion to approve the donations and was seconded by Cindy – motion passed.

4. Administration – (Keith) The committee has had businesses at the church to look at the leaking roof. They will continue to

work with companies to fix the leak.

5. AED Maintence – Bobbi checked.

**OLD BUSINESS**

• Fundraising sign $23,338.00

**NEW BUSINESS**

• Minister of Faith Formation position

The position of Associate Minister (AIM) was discussed and the council will bring a proposal to the Congregation at the Annual meeting. The person will be Certified by the ELCA and will being asked to work with Pastor Matt in all areas involving the church, such as outreach to the community and Cross of Calvary, they would also be able to preach. (The new Associate will not do funeral, weddings or communion) The council noted that this would be an investment for Cross of Calvary as a whole. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Gordy to bring the information to the Congregation. The personal committee is looking to have the position filled by April 1st. The position will be salaried and full time (12 months).

• Annual Congregational Meeting: January 22 at 9:30 (alternate Jan. 29)

• Review of agenda/materials

• Approve the 2017 budget to move forward to the annual meeting

Motion to approve the 2017 budget with changes discussed, motioned made by DeeAnne and second by Steve, motion passed.

• Contact three tellers to count ballots – will take place at meeting

• Election of 2017 officers – following Annual meeting

• Boy Scouts would like to use Fellowship Hall and classrooms on Monday nights from 7-8 pm

(Mark Jurgenson contact person) – Council did not want another meeting taking place at the same time as Al anon.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm

February Communion: 8:30 - Bobbi, 10:30 - Eric

February Devotions – Eric

Adjourn / Close in prayer.