

***The Follower***

*April 2017*



**Luke 24:1-12**

 1But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how e told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**PASTOR’S CORNER**



CHRIST HAS RISEN!

HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

As I was reading my devotional this morning by Cameron Howard pertaining to the resurrection, she brought out the fact that we often only equate resurrection to something that happens when we die. And, while we do celebrate this and live with confidence about this, we are selling ourselves short of the joy of the resurrection in everyday events.

Martin Luther spoke of two resurrections. The first resurrection was with a capital “R” and the second resurrection was with a lower case “r”. However, they are not indicative of what you would think. The lower case “r” is the resurrection when you take your last breath here on earth. The capital “R”, on the other hand, is the resurrection that keeps taking place in your life here and now. The Resurrections that we experience in our life—restorations of relationships, being cared for and loved, forgiveness, a new opportunity when all seemed lost—these are miracles that God brings about. They are reminders that with God there are no dead ends. They are reminders that nothing can separate us for the love of God. They are reminders that we can walk boldly and joyfully.

So, as we celebrate the resurrection this month, may we also become more aware of the power of that resurrection each and everyday. May we also remember to live lives that gratefully reflect this power.

God’s blessings for a grace filled Easter season and a wonderful month of April!

**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*

*Leslie Sagedahl................................................................................................................Daren Sagedahl*

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

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 2  Worship 9:00 am  Communion  No Sunday School  **Ham Dinner** | 3  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm | 4  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am  CC & I using Fellowship Hall.5:30-8:30 pm | 5  No WOW  Lent Service 7pm  Soup Supper | 6  Quilters – 9:00 am | 7 | 8  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 9  Palm Sunday  Worship 8:30/10:30….  Sunday School 9:30 | 10  Matins – 7 am  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Deadline for “Good Gifts” | 11  Matins-7 am  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 12  Matins-7 am  No programs | 13  **Maundy-7 pm** | 14  **Good Friday-7 pm** | 15  No service |
| 16  Worship 6:30 am and 9:00 am  Communion | 17  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Deadline for Follower information | 18  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 19  Confirmation Meal at 5:45 Class at 6:30 pm  WOW at 3:15 pm  Council Meeting at 7:30 | 20 | 21 | 22  Worship 5:30 pm |
| 23  Worship 8:30/10:30  Sunday School 9:30 am  WOW sings | 24  Library Reserved  6:00-8:00 pm  Ruth Bible Study 1:30 at Parkview | 25  Men’s Bible Study  6:15 am and 7:00 am | 26  Last Confirmation Meal at 5:45, Class at 6:30 pm  End of year WOW party at 3:15 pm | **27**  Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am at church | 28 | 29  Worship 5:30 pm  Band |
| 30  Worship Band 8:30/10:30  Sunday School 9:30  Communion |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION 8:30 – Jill Hanson10:30 – Jon Hawkinson**

**USHERS 8:30 – Eric Skeie, Ron Fahse, Linda Fahse & Cheryl Mallak**

**10:30 – Ushers needed**

**ACOLYTES: Jordan Amberg, Trent Paulson**

**ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson**

**NEEDED: April ushers for the 10:30 service (2)**

**Community and Church Information**

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will hold the 33rd Annual Quilt Auction July 22nd, 2017. Proceeds from this event go to our Annual Fund which allows up to provide fun, safe, quality camping and retreating opportunities for people of all ages who use any of our three camps.

Quilts: please delivery to camp by July 14th; viewing will be available online at wwww.gllm.org

Silent Auction: item must be brought to camp no later than 5:00 pm on July 20th.

Cash Donation: Checks may be sent to: GLLM, 9916 Lake Ave. S. Spicer, MN 56288.

More information is on the bulletin board on the east entrance.

**2017 Spring Fling Flower Sales**



It is that time of year again when the youth of Cross of Calvary have the opportunity to sell flowers!!!

Informational packets will be emailed out to youth families and also distributed at Sunday school.

Sales will run Sunday, March 26th – Friday, April 14th

All forms and money can be turned in to Sue Altmann in the church office (please do not leave them in the mailbox) or to one of the committee members.

Flower Pickup:  Friday, May 12th (4:30 to 7:30)

Cost:

Hanging Baskets $22.00  Ivy Geranium, Pansies, Impatiens and Begonias

8” Pot   $16.00   Geraniums

12” Pot  $26.00  Geraniums

If you are interested in purchasing flowers, please contact one of the youth from church!

Committee Members Contact Information:

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Marriage Retreat

Cross of Calvary will be hosting a marriage retreat for both engaged to be married and married couples. (Engaged couples this is a requirement) The retreat will be Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm. The cost is $50.00 per couple, which includes the retreat inventory and a meal. Please sign up on the sheet on the board or contact Cross of Calvary to register. 320-523-1574

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**VBS is June 25th-June 29th, 2017**

 (Meal starts at 5:30 and I believe VBS starts at 6 or 6:30 and runs to 8:30)

There is a VBS planning meeting for anyone interested in helping out with leadership role on February 28th at 7pm at Our Saviors.

March 14th and 28th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

March 25th: Work day from 10-4 at Our Saviors

April 6th and 20th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

May/June TBD if needed

Many hands make this work light and there are a variety of crafts & fairly simple building projects. Any National Honor Society students seeking volunteer hours would be awesome and I am guessing that PM would offer faith elements for Confirmation students to help out as well.



Reminder: We are in need of families, groups, clubs, people to host coffee hour on Sundays. Please sign up on the board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance; it is a wonderful time for table talk!!!!

**Breakfast Club**

Thursday – 7:07am

Grades 9-12

**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

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**April Birthdays**

**04/01 Eleanor Ziesmer 04/11 Richard Alton 04/24 Carol Senkyr**

**04/01 Mark Schlomann 04/11 Braydon Fuoss 04/24 Barb Wertish**

**04/02 Keith Larson 04/14 Katie Erickson 04/24 Noah Boen**

**04/02 Jacob Hennen 04/15 Mitchell Johnson 04/24 Deacon Osthus**

**04/03 Sandy Kubesh 04/15 Kyler Kemnitz 04/25 Joe Youngkrantz**

**04/03 Brody Siems 04/16 Lyle Norris 04/25 Tim Lingl**

**04/04 Colin Berg 04/16 Kathy Slagter 04/25 Tayler Lingl**

**04/04 Hayli Garcia 04/16 Christine Flemming 04/25 Moira Revier**

**04/04 Tanner Amsden 04/16 Beckett Kemnitz 04/26 Howard Erickson**

**04/005 Bobbie Jo Abrahamson 04/17 Edith Vogt 04/27 Elisha Garcia**

**04/05 Carrie Hebrink/Gass 04/18 Ronald Beckler 04/27 Camille Weber**

**04/06 Terry Jacobson 04/18 Annie Mittelstadt 04/27 Eva Larson**

**04/07 Clare Cooper 04/19 Ben Johnson 04/27 Cole Visser**

**04/08 Josselyn Mertz 04/20 Nolan Link 04/28 Naomi Wertish**

**04/08 Cole Sander 04/21 Keely Prokosch 04/28 Mallarie Steffel**

**04/08 Jaelyn Brustuen 04/22 Austin Einerson 04/29 Karen Van Der Hagen**

**04/09 Ben Balderston 04/22 Will Hanson 04/29 Scott Johnson**

**04/09 Lanie Altmann 04/22 Drew Tuthill 04/29 James Handt Jr.**

**04/09 Connor Hebrink 04/23 Deloris Abraham 04/29 Kathy Blackwell**

**04/10 Sarah Iverson 04/23 Joshua Wertish 04/29 Alen Helmer**

**04/10 Brady Stovern 04/29 Eric Wussow**

**04/10 Lane Helmer 04/30 James Jandl**

**Fundraising for the new sign at**

**Cross of Calvary on Highway #71**

**WOW, only $500.00 to go!!**

**Thank you!!!!**

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes for: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

 (X) Dana Boen                2020                    (X) Jon Hawkinson         2018

 (X) Eric Skeie                  2019\*                  (X) Curt Sather                2020

(X) Bobbi Kopel              2018                    (\_) Natasha Johnson     2019\*

(X) Jill Hanson                2020                    (\_) Paul Buhr                   2019

 (\_) Michelle Jensen      2019\*                 (\_) DeeAnne Newville   2020\*

 (X)GordonBlem            2019                   (X)SteveAltmann          2018                                                                                             Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)

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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 – Jill Hanson  
3. Approve minutes of the February meeting - Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Curt Sather, motion passed.   
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports -February - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Dana Boen, seconded by Steve Altmann motion passed.  
5. Pastor’s report   
- We are in full Lenten season  
- Great Senior High Gathering: New LYO board members are Olivia Hanson, Emma Thompson & McKenna Lilja  
- Wednesday night - Luther’s Small Catechism is the topic  
- Sundays during Lent are involving the confirmation classes  
6. Minister of Faith Formation’s report   
- Senior High Youth Gathering was a huge success. Thank you Jill Hanson and Jeni Skeie for all the work. It was noted that Cross of Calvary has a large number of kids that go each year, which makes us grateful for our youth.  
- WOW is going great; there are volunteers for the rest of the year. Thank you to them.  
  
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
1. Youth Ministry- Sunday School will be looking for a new program, teacher are expressing they don’t like the materials.  
2. Equipping the Congregation - none   
3. Outreach - now up to date on donation, did Soup supper for the SO/RC: giving money to Dan Seehusen for Special Olympics  
4. Administration - roof: found a large gap in the area that was leaking will be repaired at no cost to the church  
- Also, contact with Keith Larson on the bid for the parsonage shingles replacement   
5. AED Maintenance - Steve checked.  
  
OLD BUSINESS  
• Update on dollar amount for new sign - $27,292.00 (As of 03/10/2017)  
• Update on hiring AIM position  
-we hopefully have 3 candidates to interview, but slow going  
  
NEW BUSINESS   
• Committee Membership - sign up (revisit) - complete  
• Communion & Devotions - sign up: Michelle Jansen needs to sign up yet  
• Flag on east side of building - Sue Altmann was told to purchase a new one.  
  
Next Council meeting: Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm  
April Communion: 8:30 - Jill Hanson 10:30 - Jon Hawkinson  
April Devotions - Jon Hawkinson  
  
  
Adjourn / Close in prayer.