

The Follower

April 2018



Create
in me a clean heart, O GOD;
and **renew** a right
spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

I read a devotional for our staff meeting last week and the theme was “a fresh start”. It made me start thinking. I don’t know about you, but I often need a fresh start. Especially after the first of the year, I make resolutions for fresh start on a diet or exercise. In our Bible Study we talk about making a fresh start with reading our Bibles and spending time with God. In our jobs we want a fresh start in a new position or a promotion. Some relationships need a fresh start to get past an ugly situation. There are so many ways we may need to start over. I don’t know about you, but I don’t always carry through with my intentions and then I am hard on myself for not being successful. But no matter out failures and struggles, our shortcomings or inadequacies, turning to God in prayer is a good start. God has provided fresh starts for others in the Bible. Moses wandered with a searching heart and then was sent as a leader of a nation to save his people. David, a shepherd boy, is plucked from the field and chosen as the next king. Joseph is sold by his brothers and then became the king’s advisor. Our stories won’t be printed in the Bible, but they could be. God is actively working in our lives to make all things new. Our Lord was made the sacrifice of all sacrifices, suffering a horrible death on a cross because he loved us that much. But the grave didn’t keep him. Jesus is not willing to compromise that love and makes us new every day. There is good news found in Romans 4:25, “Jesus was handed over to die for our sins, and he was raised from death to make us right with God.” The good news of 2 Corinthians 5:17, “therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” Ezekiel 36:26 tells us, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” And Romans 6:4 says, “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too name live a new life.” Go back and read each of these scriptures and put your name where I have underlined the Words. Pray these scriptures along with this one from Psalm 51:10, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” When should you do this? Pray continual (Thessalonians 5:17), and do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, present your requests to God with thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:6) And when we do not know what we ought to pray for, the Spirit intercedes for us. (Romans 8:26). Pray. Be made new.



Blessings,
Jeni Skeie



Prayer Request Prayer Matters!

Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Emergency/Pastoral Care-Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

*Diana Adkins	*Jill Revolinski	*Leslie Sagedahl	*Alexa Fischer
*Jenna Reynolds	*Emily Reetz	*Richard Henze	*Lyn Fischer
*Barb Gomarko	*Cleve Fults	*Laura Wacek	
*Jen Beckler	*Mike Abrahamson	*Blake Munyer	
*Nina Lindgren	*Keith Beckler	*Caryn Behr	
*Richard Morse	*Abby Stovern		



Bible Camp It's time to register for Bible Camp! Children and youth in grades 1-12 can go to Bible Camp, a place where the majesty of God is experienced in profound and fun ways. Cross of Calvary is dedicated to helping kids go to camp. The Men's Group provides a \$50 scholarship to every camper and the Youth Committee provides a \$50 scholarship to every camper. So kids going to camp get \$100 off their registration cost right off the bat. Fundraising opportunities and additional scholarships are available as well. Register for camp at www.gllm.org and fill out the info sheet found on the table beneath the Youth Bulletin Board. Contact: Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or sarah.hausken@gmail.com

WOW Wonders on Wednesdays is our weekly after school program for 4-6 graders. Kids have snack, time to hang out, do Bible story skits, sing and participate in interactive prayer. Contact Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or sarah.hausken@gmail.com

Jesus Justice League 1-3 graders meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month for snack, Bible stories, singing, activities and games. Contact: Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or sarah.hausken@gmail.com

Breakfast Club: 9th Graders are invited to attend starting April 5th. Please meet at Master's Coffee shop at 7:07 am on Thursday morning. There is no charge for breakfast!



It's a Birthday party: Deloris Abraham's 100th birthday. A party will be held at the Savage Senior Living Center on April 22nd from 2-4 pm. The address is: Fenpoint 5950 West 130th Lane, Savage, MN 55378. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Please pick up your dishes/pans from the Ham Dinner!
Thank you for your donation!



Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity: "Good Grief" is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday nights March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9 and April 16 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Heidi at 320-523-3451 to register.

The Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra presents: "Songs of Hope" on Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 pm. Location will be St. Aloysius Church in Olivia, MN. Admission is free, 100% of the proceeds of a free will offering will benefit the Renville County Food Shelf.

Cross of Calvary Community Garden: please sign up in the church office for an 15x15 garden plot. in this year's garden. March will be a garden cleaning month. Trim raspberry bushes, etc. You do not need to be involved at Cross of Calvary to have a garden plot. We would like to fill with church members first, then open plots to everyone. Cost for a plot is \$25.00

2018 Spring Fling Flower Sales



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

Sales will run Sunday, March 25th – Friday, April 13th

Flower Pickup will be Friday, May 11th

*(Please note that pickup is **ONLY** on Friday)*

All proceeds from individual sales will go into your family youth account. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like bible camp or youth gatherings!!

Never done this before? Here is how it works:

- As orders are taken fill out one INDIVIDUAL ORDER FORM for buyer.
- Once you have completed your selling please total all orders together on the MASTER ORDER FORM with your overall family total sold.
- You must collect money with order. Checks can be made out to "Cross of Calvary Youth"
- Turn in all forms and money on or before **FRIDAY, APRIL 15th**.
- 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.
- Customers can pick up their orders on Friday, May 11th from 4:30 – 7:30pm at the church.
 - *If they are unable to pick up at this time it is the seller's responsibility to pick up and deliver them. If you need to make arrangements for another pick up time please contact one of the committee members.*

NO ORDERS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER APRIL 15TH

Cost:

Hanging Baskets	\$22.00	Ivy Geranium, Pansies, Impatiens and Begonias
8" Pot	\$16.00	Geraniums
12" Pot	\$26.00	Geraniums

Committee Members Contact Information:

Amanda Malvin	(320) 579-1515	bamalvin@msn.com
Bobbie Kopel	(320) 522-0731	bobbieloowho@hotmail.com
Tara Amberg	(320) 444-0129	tamberg@rccbi.com

***Plants come from Dundee Nursery (Carr Flowers) of Hutchinson*

April

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Worship 6:30 & 9:00 No Sunday School Communion	2 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	3 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	4	5 Quilters at 9:30	6	7 Worship 5:30 pm
8 Worship 8:30/10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Communion	9 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	10 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Jesus Justice League	11 Confirmation Guest Speaker at 6:30 pm – Dav Neubauer (All invited) WOW at 3:15 pm	12 Quilters at 9:30	13	14 Worship 5:30 pm
15 Worship 8:30/10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Youth Band	16 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	17 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	18 Confirmation 5:30 Supper/Meet at 6:30 WOW at 3:15 pm Spaghetti Supper: Time: 5-7pm Church Council	19 Quilters at 9:30	20 Prairie Arts Center -performance at church from 5:00- 9:30 pm	21 Worship 5:30 pm Bridal Shower for Miranda Braun
22 Worship 8:30/10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Communion Soul Purpose	23 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Ruth Bible Study at 1:30	24 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	25 Last Confirmation 5:30 Supper/Meet at 6:30 WOW at 3:15 pm Dorcas Bible Study	26 Quilters at 9:30	27	28 Worship 5:30 pm
29 Worship 8:30/10:30	30 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	1 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	2 Confirmation 5:30 Supper/Meet at 6:30 WOW at 3:15 pm	3	4	5 Worship 5:30 pm

APRIL VOLUNTEERS
COMMUNION 8:30 – Gordy Blem 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
USHERS 8:30 – Eric Skeie, Ron Fahse, Linda Fahse & Cheryl Mallak
10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Ron Skrukud
ACOLYTES: Cole Visser & Ashely Frank
ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson

APRIL Birthdays



04/01 Eleanor Ziesmer	04/17 Edith Vogt
04/01 Mark Schlomann	04/18 Ron Beckler
04/02 Keith Larson	04/18 Annie Mittelstadt
04/02 Jacob Hennen	04/19 Ben Johnson
04/03 Sandy Kubesh	04/19 Cash Larson
04/03 Brody Siems	04/20 Nolan Link
04/03 Reed Kopel	04/21 Keely Jo Prokosch
04/04 Colin Berg	04/22 Austin Einerson
04/04 Hayli Garcia	04/22 William Hanson
04/04 Tanner Amsden	04/22 Haylie Binnebose
04/04 Charlotte Nelson	04/22 Drew Tuthill
04/05 Bobbi Jo Abrahamson	04/23 Deloris Abraham
04/05 Carrie Jo Gass	04/23 Joshua Wertish
04/06 Terry Jacobson	04/24 Carol Senkyr
04/07 Clare Cooper	04/24 Barb Wertish
04/08 Josselyn Mertz	04/24 Noah Boen
04/08 Cole Sander	04/24 Deacon Osthus
04/08 Jaelyn Brustuen	04/25 Joe Youngkrantz
04/09 Ben Balderston	04/25 Tim Lingl
04/09 Lanie Altmann	04/25 Taylor Lingl
04/09 Connor Hebrink	04/25 Moira Revier
04/10 Sarah Iverson	04/25 Wyatt Gilberts
04/10 Brady Stovern	04/26 Howard Erickson
04/10 Lane Helmer	04/27 Elisha Garcia
04/11 Richard Alton	04/27 Camille Weber
04/11 Braydon Fuoss	04/27 Eva Larson
04/12 Claire Neubauer	04/27 Cole Visser
04/14 Katie Erickson	04/28 Naomi Wertish
04/14 Emersyn Herdina	04/28 Mallarie Steffel
04/15 Mitchell Johnson	04/29 Karen van der Hagen
04/15 Kyler Kemnitz	04/29 Scott Johnson
04/16 Lyle Norris	04/29 James Handt Jr.
04/16 Kathy Slagter	04/29 Kathy Blackwell
04/16 Christine Flemming	04/29 Alen Helmer
04/16 Beckett Kemnitz	04/29 Erick Wussow



Hosted by the Men's Group in support of youth scholarships for camps and mission

Cross of Calvary Church

Wednesday, April 18th

5pm-7pm

Adults: \$7.00

Children: ages 4 to 12 - \$4.00

Children 4 and under are free

Serving: Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Veggie Tray, Dessert and Beverage

Please make checks payable to

Cross of Calvary Men's Group

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @ 7:30pm**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

X Dana Boen	2020	X Jon Hawkinson	2021*	X Eric Skeie	2019*
X Curt Sather	2020	X Laurence Stratton	2021	Natasha Johnson	2019*
Jill Hanson	2020	X Paul Buhr	2019	X Alex Gay	2021
X DeeAnne Newville	2020*	X Gordon Blem	2019		
X Steve Altmann	2021*				

Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)
*Second term

STAFF

X Pastor Matt Hausken X Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister X Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order- Gordy Blem
- Devotions – Jon Hawkinson
- Approve minutes of the February meeting – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Paul Buhr, motion passed.
- Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – February- Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Dana Boen, seconded by Eric Skeie, motion passed.
- Pastor’s report
- During Lenten season Pastor has been busy with Bible study, visitation and preparing for Holy week.
- Week of April 8, 2018 Pastor Matt will be in St. Louis for Stephen Ministry training
- April 11th, there will be a guest speaker (Dav Neubauer) in place of confirmation, all congregation members welcome – Time 6:30 pm
- April 25th – last day of Confirmation
- May 20th – Golf Tournament fundraiser date set
- Parish Minister Report - written reports given, the reports stated the hours they have been working.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2018)

1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann
 - Planning a spring clean-up both inside and outside of church, date has not been set yet
 - The committee will be gathering quotes for a replacement shed for the church, east side of church
 - New microwave has been purchased for the parsonage
 - looking to landscape the west side of the church
2. Children, Youth and Family- Laurence Stratton & Natasha Johnson
3. Equipping – DeeAnne Newville
4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay
 - March payments \$1000 to Santa Closet, \$300 to Green Lake Ministry, \$300 to Project Turnabout
 - April: Food & Fun Drive
 - April: Safe Avenues will be displaying a poster to improve awareness
 - July: Christmas in July (Food Shelf)
 - Paul Buhr will be bringing information to Mission Committee for projects
5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson
 - Jon Hawkinson has put together a handout for suggestion on how to better this committee; they will be working on ideas.
 - Thank you Jon!
9. Technology – Steve Altmann
 - The copy machine – council is aware that the machine is older and may need to be replace this year.
 - Internet: changing from CenturyLink to Light beam. The church has been having problems with the internet on and off for months.
 - A Motion was made to approve the change in vendors by Gordy Blem and seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
10. AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann

OLD BUSINESS

- Church Council retreat – has not been decided
- Please review the committees listed above to make sure they are correct. All okay
- Reports of Temple talks on March 18 & 25 – does anyone else want to do a temple talk?? – will decide as needed
- Congregational Committee members sign up and/or ask question posters are ready and posted.
- Thank you Sarah!

NEW BUSINESS

- Revisit the possibility of a new and larger shed for storage. – Bids being collected.
- 7th Grade – adding to next year’s Confirmation studies – discussion, no decision
- Dates left to be filled for Communion April at 10:30, July & August 9:00am only - filled
- Date for Devotion to be filled: August - filled

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm

April Communion: 8:30 – Gordy Blem & 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson April Devotion – Steve Altmann Adjourn / Close in prayer.