

# *The Follower*

*May 2018*



## **John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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**LOVE GOD**

**LOVE OTHERS**

[Jesus said] "You are witnesses of these things." - Luke 24:48

Jesus calls us to be his witnesses.

When I think of the word witness, I often think of a courtroom. A witness shares something they saw, heard or experienced. So as God's witnesses we are called to share something we've seen, heard or experienced related to Jesus. So what have you seen, heard or experienced Jesus? What have you witnessed?



Here's one story of what I've experienced.

About 6 years ago, Matt collapsed unexpectedly a few times and started acting weird sometimes. On the 4th of July, he collapsed on our deck while I was at my parent's house. I was called and came home immediately. I took him to the hospital, and they couldn't figure out what was wrong. The doctors thought it was trouble with his heart and suggested he may have to get a pacemaker. I lay down to sleep that night, too afraid and exhausted to pray. But an image came to my mind. I was curled up in a ball and cradled in the crook of a gigantic arm. And I felt movement, like whoever was holding me was walking. Then I heard, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." I drifted off to sleep, trusting that God held me, God held Matt, and God's light would shine even in this darkness.

We are witnesses. God acts in each of our lives.

We don't know what our witness of Jesus will do. But we can trust that it spreads. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, our words and actions will continue the work Jesus did on the cross for us.

Thanks be to God!



## 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

\*Cleve Fults

\*Laura Wacek

\*Mike Abrahamson

\*Caryn Behr



**The National Lutheran Youth Gathering** is estimated to cost \$1,300 for each person attending. Your donations help get us there, where we can Change Everything! If you are able to donate, select an envelope with the desired dollar amount you are willing to donate. Please put that amount in the envelope and turn in to church office no later than May 4th. Turn your envelopes in early so they can be reused by another gracious donor. Your donations are truly appreciated!

Thank you!!

Emily Eva McKenna Danny Emma  
Trey Olivia Andrew Ben Brady  
Caeden Carson Leif Noah Will  
Andy Cam Jack Lily Nicholas

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### Flower Delivery is almost upon us!!!

You've sold, you've collected money and now we have the opportunity to deliver!!

If you would be available to help unload and organize flowers Friday morning, May 11th, from 9:00-ish until we are done (usually before noon) OR to help during delivery your help would be welcomed. The hours you work equate to a 'share' to your youth account. Basically, we take the profit from all extra sales and divvy it up amongst the worker's youth account. **Pick up is May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 pm**

We also like to have youth help at this since it is actually for THEM so if you have kids that are not in sports or working that day and willing to help let us know that too.

If you and/or your child have interest let one of us know:

Committee Members Contact Information:

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

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### Sr. High Youth Group

Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Games, Social Time, Devotions

Contact: TIM Team, Olivia Hanson, McKenna Lilja, Alex Revier

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### Day Camp @ Cross of Calvary by Green Lake staff

for youth who have finished grades K-6

Cost \$30.00

Mark your calendar for July 8-12, from 1-6p.m.

Watch for details and an online registration

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### Summer Bible Camp

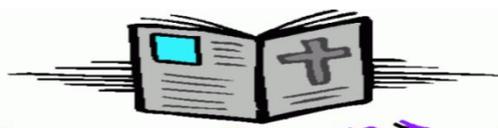
Camp information is on table beneath Youth Board.

Register at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) and fill out our info sheet.

Cross of Calvary youth get \$100 in scholarships right off the bat.

Contact: Sarah or Jeni

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# Church News

## Special Congregational Meeting

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## Stephen Ministry

One-to-one caring ministry planting a seed of hope and healing  
If interested in more information, please  
talk to Jeni Skeie, Carole Buhr, or Pastor Matt

"Better Together Redwood Falls" will provide 120,000 meals for local food shelves, backpack programs and disabled/homeless veterans, as we build community by working side by side. We will be "better together!" There are opportunities to volunteer from 7 am to 5 pm, but please join other Cross of Calvary members in packing meals from 9 am - 11 am on Friday, June 8. Make sure to sign up here as space is limited to 150 volunteers per shift.  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a8a82ea6f94-better>

**We are looking for pianist/organist to play at Cross of Calvary worship services, please contact the church office if interested. (Paid position)**

### Cross of Calvary & Our Saviors Annual Golf Tournament

What: Scramble Golf

When: May 20, 2018

Where: Olivia Golf Course

Who: EVERYONE!!!!

Cost: \$50.00 per person, 4 person team

Things included in the day: golf & dinner

Lunch (free will donation)

Contact: Dave Altmann or Pastor Matt with questions

2 teams signed up so far, looking to have 10 teams

- Come join the fun and help the youth with their trip to Houston, to learn more on how to serve others and God!!



# Community News

**Hope For Our City:** Grocery distribution at CCOC (next to Masters Coffee Shop) EVERY Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bring \$2 and 2 bags to take home 6-8 food items, Fresh veggie/fruit, breads, dairy, deli items, etc....., All are welcome; invite everyone in Renville Co. No income qualifications – Register 320-894-4763 Call/text by 3:00 Tuesday for Wednesday pickup

**Cross of Calvary Community Garden:** Work night will be Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm. Come in work clothes and bring equipment to help.

**Harrison Community Presbyterian Church** in Spicer MN will be having a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2018. There will be a program/open house from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. everyone is invited to help them celebrate this milestone.

**Annual PORK CHOP DINNER at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian** on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Serving from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Meal features: “Famous Don’s” grilled Pork chops, baked potatoes, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Bread/butter, Beverages, and a variety of homemade desserts. One chop dinner: \$10.00 and tow chop dinner: \$13.00 “Enjoy first grilling of the season”!

**Olivia Health Care Center** is looking for someone to shop local for our residents twice a month. Usually takes about an hour. Stop in and or call Sheila or Nancy at 1-320-523-1652.

Please join us for our Volunteer Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 at the **Olivia Healthcare Center**. Join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship if you have volunteered here in the last year.

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	2 Altar Guild Meeting	3	4	5 Baby Shower 12-3 Worship 5:30
6 Worship 8:30/10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Baptism - Erickson	7 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Jesus Justice League	9 Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:30	10	11	12 Worship 5: 30 pm
13 Worship 8:30/10:30 Last day: Sunday School 9:30 Communion Senior Recognition Sunday at 8:30 am – reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall Baptism - Bellig	14 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	16 Church Council 7:30 Care Team Mtg. at 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:30	17	18 Church Kitchen used all day	19 Worship 5:30 pm
20 Worship 9:00 am Golf Tournament	21 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Ruth Bible Study at 1:30	22 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	23 Dorcas Bible Study at Masters 10:00 Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:30	24 Worship 7:00 pm	25	26
27 Worship 9:00 am	28 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Office -Closed	29 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	30 Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:30	31 Worship 7:00 pm	1	2



# Happy Birthday

05/01	Mindy Trunnell	05/11	Kaitlin Opdahl	05/22	Sadie Gross
05/01	Hannah Knudson	05/11	Hensley Helin	05/24	Sheila Roelike
05/01	Haley Pietig	05/12	Ben Whited	05/24	Ethan Fischer
05/01	Ethan Weis	05/13	Lori Brustuen	05/25	Kyle Schломann
05/01	Peyton Weis	05/13	Katy Holland	05/25	Amber Thorpe
05/01	Shelby Stovern	05/13	Kelsey Dale	05/23	Matthew Sullivan
05/02	Nancy Bellig	05/13	Daniel Johnson	05/26	Amarii Jimenez
05/02	Kelsey Brustuen	05/13	Brackstan Kittelson	05/26	Isabella Clarin
05/02	Aaron Kopel	05/14	Betsy Hennen	05/27	Casey Elfering
05/02	Zander Metteer	05/14	Amy Fliflet	05/27	Carly Sigurdson
05/03	Heidi Morse	05/14	Carla Flemming	05/27	Cody Sunvold
05/03	Jesse Mages	05/15	Bernie Johnson	05/27	Jackson Hebrink
05/04	Eric Vogt	05/15	Gordy Blem	05/28	Laura Walberg
05/04	Jamie Lothert	05/15	Emily Iverson	05/28	Terry Mathison
05/04	Michael Weilage	05/16	Dana Boen	05/28	Sonia Grasmon
05/04	Turner Padrnos	05/17	Mackenzie Carlin	05/28	Leah Johnson
05/04	Kenly Elfering	05/18	Karen Flom	05/28	Tyler Amsden
05/05	Brantley Ostby	05/18	Andrew Amsden	05/30	Leif Hausken
05/06	Dick Hatch	05/18	Madison Perkins	05/30	Gracie Johnson
05/06	Kaley Wertish	05/18	Avery Kingstrom	05/30	Elijah Suess
05/07	Jamie Stryker	05/18	Bryce Johnson	05/31	Peg Vesterby
05/08	Gavin Flom	05/19	Bill Kopel	05/31	Larry Meyer
05/09	Damon Bratsch	05/20	Dotty Schnobrich	05/31	Derek Stovern
05/09	Luke Johnson	05/20	Kole Holland	05/31	Derrick Bahl
05/10	Jan Wogen	05/20	Gavin Johnson	05/31	Koby Brustuen
05/10	Brittany Johnson	05/21	Alma Wallert		
05/10	Olivia Hanson	05/21	Ava Stratton		
05/10	Abby Stovern				

## MAY VOLUNTEER

**COMMUNION 8:30 – Alex Gay 10:30 – Tashia Johnson**  
**USHERS 8:30 – Jon Hawkinson, Nate Cole & Rod Osthus**  
**10:30 – Duane & Karen Flom & David Torgelson**  
**ACOLYTES: Jerson Kopka & Carson Kubesh**  
**ALTAR GUILD: Karen van der Hagen & Angie Boen**

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for: Wednesday, April 18, 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	X Natasha Johnson	2019*
Jill Hanson	2020	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

### STAF

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

## AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- Gordon Blem
2. Devotions – Steve Altmann
3. Approve minutes of the *March meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Curt Sather, seconded by Steve Altmann, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – *March* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Steve Altmann, seconded by Tashia Johnson, motion passed.
5. Pastor's report
  - Holy week went smoothly, it was a great week.
  - Stephen Ministry trip was wonderful. Pastor was impressed with the program and explained to the council more about the program. There will be 50 hours of training for persons who have shown interest in the program. The training will begin on Wednesday, May 9 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. There is a lot of books, etc. that will be valuable to the program for everyone trained to use.
6. Parish Ministers report
  - All programs are running smoothly and are coming to an end.
  - Thank you to Dav Neubauer and guest for the wonderful talk on confirmation and their mission work.
  - Thank you to Peggy Vesterby for being the lead on musicians for service. We are looking for more musicians, there is a need.
  - Summer Stretch registration is available; this program is for Grades 6-8.
  - 9th Grade Sunday school has been going to other churches for worship, learning more about other churches. Kids are really enjoying learn about other faiths.
  - Confirmation will go to Marshall, to partake in the concert "Agape". This will be there last day of confirmation. (4/25/18)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2018)

1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann – Chet Boen, Dave Altmann & Clayton Erickson have joined
2. Children, Youth and Family- Laurence Stratton & Natasha Johnson - no report
3. Equipping – Eric Skeie - no report
4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay – They have donated to: Summer Stretch \$500, Ingrid School (Dav Neubauer) \$500 & Second Harvest \$30
5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson – no report
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville - Care Team will be meeting every month at 7:00, before council meetings. Miranda Braun, Lynette Blem, Karen Flom and Sue Erickson have joined this committee. They will be working on comfort meals as their first task.
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen – needs a list of past members of this committee, Sue will furnish this information.
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson – this committee is working on getting organized
9. Technology – Steve Altmann – A list of computers and there age was given to council. A privacy police was also presented.
10. AED Maintenance – Eric Skeie

## OLD BUSINESS

- Church Council retreat – 8 people responded and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the best date. Time: 12:00 -4:00pm
- Report on shed – The estimate of the storage shed will be \$19,000 including labor. A motion was made by Eric Skeie and seconded by Curt Sather to bring the proposed cost of the storage shed to the congregation, for a vote to move forward with the project. Motion passed.

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Do we need more temple talks about the committees? Also, how are we going to go about getting more members on committees? (Ask people directly?)

- Date for spring clean-up? Will be discussed at the May meeting
- Internet was changed to Lightbeam, it is working beautifully. (instillation date: April 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Thank you to Dav Neubauer for an awesome talk to Confirmation students and congregation.
- Remember to sign up to play or work at the Golf tournament, which is May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Better Together – Sarah

## NEW BUSINESS

- Confirmation ends on April 25<sup>th</sup> – kids will be going to Agape in Marshall for their last day. (musical group)
  - Senior Recognition will be on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (9:30 – 10:15)
  - Last Day of Sunday School: May 13<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 am worship starts on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Decision on when to start either Thursday or Saturday worship summer hours/date (No services on summer holidays for Pastor Matt: Memorial Weekend, Fourth of July, Labor Day) after discussion: A motion was made to have summer services on Thursday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am. Motion made by Curt Sather and seconded by John Hawkinson, motion passed. The will start, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
May Communion: 8:30 – Alex Gay & 10:30 – Tashia Johnson  
May Devotion – Tashia Johnson

**Adjourn / Close in prayer.**