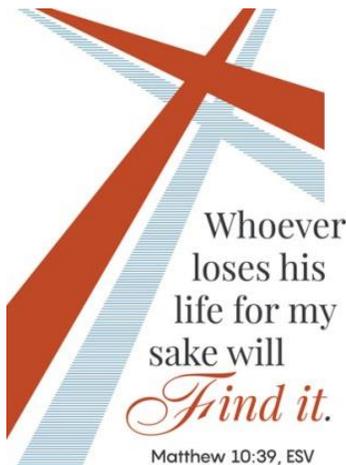


The Follower



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2018



Christmas and Easter are the two big draws in the church, and the lake is the big draw away from church in the summer. And why not? The lake is so beautiful and we, in Minnesota, have to enjoy the outdoors when we can because of all the time we are locked in for the big freeze of winter months. But absence from our community of believers can leave us dry and distanced from God. Summer is a great time to worship in other ways. Last weekend, we worshiped in the woods at Eric's family cabin where a collection of Norwegian ministers bought cabins that were part of a retreat center about 100 years ago on Walker and Ottertail Lake. The lay out of the service has varying structure, but we sing praises to God, sometimes there is a litany, there are Scripture readings, we pray and someone gives a message. Monday night of Corn Capital week, about

120 people from our community worshiped together in Nester park. St Al's provided the message, Grace Church set up the meal, Olivia's House of Hope served the meal, Faith United Methodist gave the blessings, and Cross of Calvary led music and a final prayer. All of us meeting together to praise God began the week of community celebration in a spiritual way.

During Day Camp in July, the theme was "Get Lost". The counselors taught our youth about how we can "Get Lost" in prayer, service, love, and Sabbath. During the rest of summer, I challenge you to "Get Lost". Meet with people in different ways. Find a church near your cabin or campsite.

Find a way to meet with God in response to the commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy". The nature around us is a beautiful reminder that "HE IS RISEN" (he is risen indeed!), so spend time in the woods or on a lake in prayer. Spend extra time with family and

friends showing them the love you have because of God. Find a way to serve your neighbor in their yard or with a comfort meal. And find yourself "Lost" in prayer and meditation for your Sabbath.

"Those who find their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." Day camp theme verse for "Get Lost" (Matthew 10:39). You are missed and loved while we are not worshipping together. But the Lord goes with you wherever you are this summer. (Psalm 139:1-17)

May the God of creation and love bless your journey of faith, restore and renew you, and shepherd you safely into our midst once again.

In Christ,

Jeni Skeie

August 2nd – 7:00 pm

August 5th – 9:00 am

August 9th – No Service

August 12th, 19th & 26th – Services at 9:00 am & 5:30 pm



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 – Betsy Hennen sister

*Laura Wacek – Bobbi Jo Abrahamson

*Mike Abrahamson – Tim & Bobbi Jo Abrahamson

*Caryn Behr – Kathy Helin’s mother

*Izzy Sullivan – Sharon Alton

*Joyce O’Halloran – Gladie Hagen

*Leslie Sagedahl- Family

*Sonia Grasmon - Family

*Alexa Fischer-daughter: Kelsey & Matt

*Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert

*Keith Beckler – Carol Senkyr’s son

Events Coming up for Youth

August is getting ready for the school year

September

5th Confirmation starts/ Parents and kid meeting
(sign up for meals & Acolyte month)

9th – Rally Sunday

9th – 3rd, 7th & 8th Graders receive their Bibles
(either service)

11th – Jesus Justice League starts

12th – Wonders on Wednesday starts

The Children Youth and Education Committee is looking for 2-3 youth in grades 7-12 who would like to be part of the committee. Our mission is to equip and support children and youth to grow in faith, to equip and support families to pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support Cross of Calvary Staff and volunteers. This committee meets to:

Collaborate on the vision of children, youth and family ministry including but not limited to:

Children

- Jesus' Justice League (1-3 grades)
- WOW (4-6 grades)

Youth

- Confirmation
- Jr. High Ministries
- Youth Group
- TIM Team
- Youth Band
- Youth Gatherings
- Youth Trips and Retreats

Sunday School

Sunday School Christmas Program

School Year Coffee Hours

Bible Camp

Vacation Bible School/Day Camp

assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of these ministries– materials, funds, time, curriculum, energy, volunteers, transportation, chaperones, etc.

If you are interested, please contact Jeni or Sarah.

Breakfast Club is for Youth in grades 10-12 and will begin at 7:07 on Thursday, September 13 at Cross of Calvary. We will meet every Thursday.

Youth Band will begin practices on Wednesday, September 12, at 8:30pm. Let Jeni know if you are interested in participating.

TIM Team will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at 8:30pm. All Senior High youth interested in planning or participating in Senior high youth group please come with ideas!

Church Events/News

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 9:00 – Curt Sather

USHERS 9:00 – Curt Sather, Chet Boen & Wally Stucke

ACOLYTES: Nick Serbus & Brady Stovern

ALTAR GUILD: Amanda Malvin & Angela Cole

In memory of Ann Orth, a group of her friends called the Piecemakers do a mission project each year. This year we are making PJ's for orphans at Teule Orphanage in Kenya. Sixty five children from infants to 15 year old live there. The Ingrid School in Nairobi is also in need. We have been approved for a Thrivent Action Grant, but this will not cover all the costs for supplies needed to make all the PJ's needed. This is a part of Dave Neubauer's ministry. Julie Neubauer will be taking the PJ's personally in September to Kenya.

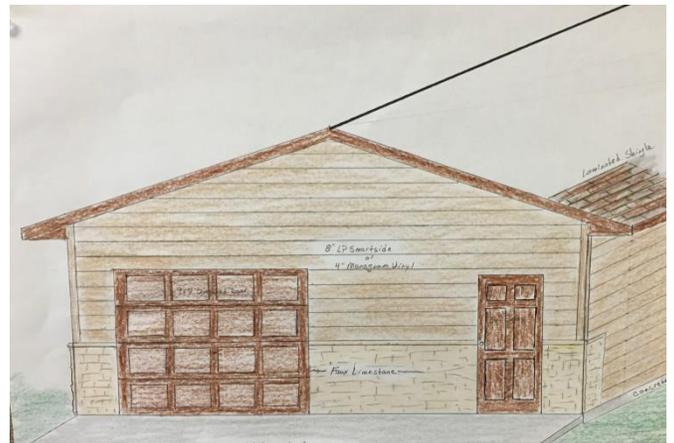
If you feel this is a project you would like to help provide funds for, please contact Cindy Thiesse (320-522-0338) or Lynette Blem (320-522-2690)

There will be a new **Women's Study** beginning Thursday, September 20 at 8:15am and Tuesday night, September 18 at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for the book we will be studying this Fall.

Men's Group Project

New Storage shed

See board in the Narthex,
for more information on how to give!



GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Thank you for your contribution!!!

| August 2018 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 | 2 Worship 7:00 pm Faith Club 8:15 am | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Worship 9:00 am | 6 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm | 7 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 8 | 9 No Worship Faith Club 8:15 am | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Worship 9:00 am and 5:30 pm | 13 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm | 14 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 15 Council Meeting 7:30 | 16 Faith Club 8:15 am | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Worship 9:00 am and 5:30 pm | 20 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Cooking Club 4-8 | 21 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 22 Confirmation Retreat 3-9 | 23 Faith Club 8:15 am | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 9:00 am and 5:30 pm | 27 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm | 28 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Faith Club 6:00 pm | 29 | 30 Faith Club 8:15 am | 31 | |

September

- 5th Confirmation Meeting (parents & kids) at 6:00 pm
- 8th Worship at 5:30 pm
- 9th Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am
Rally Sunday
3rd, 7th & 8th Graders Bible Presentation (either services)
"God's Work, Our Hands"
- 11th Jesus Justice League 3:15 – 5:00
- 12th WOW starts 3:15 – 5:00 pm
- 19th Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

Community Events/News

SAL (SAL: Sons of the American Legion) Pop-Tab Contest: Cash Prizes, start saving those little aluminum tabs from you beverage containers and you could be winner of one of three cash prizes. The SAL is sponsoring a contest for the purpose of collecting as many Aluminum tabs as possible. The tabs will be turned over the Ronald McDonald home of MN. These tabs generate funds to assist operating these homes which are made available to family members while children and adults are being treated at hospitals in MN. You can find these little tabs on beverage and soup cans. The tabs will be weighed on Saturday, September 8th at the Legion in Olivia during the Fire Departments Annual Rib Fest. Cash prizes are as follows: 1st prize: \$50.00, 2nd prize: \$30.00 and 3rd prize: \$20.00

Renville County Hospice invites you to attend the: Annual Butterfly Release Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. Please extend this offer to your family & friends. Hundreds of monarch butterflies are released every year in memory of loved ones, providing a beautifully touching remembrance.



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| 08/01 – Aimee Dale | 08/12 – Sue Malecek | 08/20 – Ellianna Barnes |
| 08/02 – Jennifer Robideau | 08/12 – Wallace Stucke | 08/21 – Brendon Siems |
| 08/02 – Alex Pietig | 08/13 – Jeni Skeie | 08/22 – Alison Reese |
| 08/02 – Gio Adamski | 08/13 – Mary Karas | 08/22 – Jen Kingery |
| 08/02 – Tucker Amberg | 08/13 – Victoria Bratsch | |
| 08/03 – Jeremy Mertz | | 08/04 – Kenny Person |
| 08/14 - Ross Nelson | | 08/23 – Angie Boen |
| 08/04 – Corrine Gross | 08//14 – Andrew Blem | 08/23 – Karisa Weilage |
| 08/04 – Cynthia Honzay | 08/15 – Sally Feil | 08/23 – Taiten Kemnitz |
| 08/05 – Shirley Kircher | 08/15 – Toni Haugen | 08/24 – Chuck Folkerts |
| 08/07 – Rod Osthus | 08/15 – Tina Beckler | 08/24 – Karen Grasmon |
| 08/07 – Cyle Schwer | 08/15 – Daniel Welchance | 08/26 – Marc Iverson |
| 08/07 – Regan Helmer | 08/16 – Terry Dobmeier | 08/27 – Shannon Hennen |
| 08/08 – Garrett Dahl | 08/16 – Justin Gilberts | 08/27 – Neil Young |
| 08/08 – Trent Paulsen | 08/16 - Mark Revier | 08/28 – Virgil Maurice |
| 08/08 – Ella Skornicka | 08/16 – Morgan Fennern | 08/28 – Ann Rudolph |
| 08/08 – Harper Kingery | 08/16 – Rylan Gass | 08/28 – Hope Hildahl |
| 08/09 – Orville Scott | 08/17 – Sarah Mittelstadt | 08/28 – Ryan Ahl |
| 08/09 – LeeRoy Baumgartner | 08/17 – Josie Mikosch | 08/29 – Keith Metteer |
| 08/09 – Jennifer Stratton | 08/18 – Steve Johnson | 08/30 – Harry Hawkinson |
| 08/10 – James Alderks | 08/19 – Dalen Stryker | 08/30 – Ashley Frank |
| | 08/19 – Isabelle Boehme | 08/31 – Tracy Ryan |
| 08/11 – Kevin Iverson | 08/19 – Emma Thompson | 08/31 – Harrison Neubauer |
| New 08/08 Declan Pope | 08/15 – Tinley Olson | 08/22 –Katie Bremsth |

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 7:30pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.)

*Second term

STAFF

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

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- Gordy Blem
2. Devotions – *Gordy Blem*
3. Approve minutes of the **May meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – **May** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Eric Skeie, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report -
 - a. Youth Gathering is all ready to attend. There are 21 kids, 4 adults and Pastor Matt. Leave on Monday July 25th.
6. Parish Ministers report –
 - a. Stephen Ministry has started, they will meet for 2 ½ hours every week for 20 weeks. There are 6 members participating, plus 4 staff.
 - b. Summer Camp will run from July 8-12. Elsa Skeie will be one of the leaders. Wonderful to have a member involved with the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2018)

1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann
 - Shed work is underway. There will be members volunteering for different parts of the project. (Permit received)
 - Landscape on the west side of the building is waiting for more funds/project on hold
 - New exit lights have been installed throughout the church. (Per insurance)
2. Children, Youth and Family- Laurence Stratton & Natasha Johnson
3. Equipping – Eric Skeie
4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay
5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville
 - Meals on Wheels sign up sheet has been posted for the month of July.
 - 2 Meal Trains have been started by Our Saviors.
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson
9. Technology – Steve Altmann
 - New computer was installed in the church office. (Note: Lightbeam has been working wonderfully.)
10. AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on new storage shed, thank you men’s group! See above

NEW BUSINESS

- National Youth Gathering: June 25-July 2, 21 students from Cross of Calvary attending!

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, August 15th at 7:30 pm

July Communion: 9:00 – Curt Sather

August Communion: 9:00 - Curt Sather

August Devotion – Jill Hanson

July – No council meeting

Adjourn / Close in prayer.