



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Follower

December 2018



During our first Wednesday Advent worship service of the season, Pastor Matt shared a prayer by theologian Walter Brueggemann. He shared it along with pictures of cities demolished by war, earth strewn with garbage, hungry children and people without homes. The prayer struck me as honest in the face of injustice.

We are waiting for justice.

We are waiting for peace.

How much longer will we wait?

I don't know, but as we live in this season of Advent – a

season of waiting and anticipation for the birth of the Christ Child – may we trust God and carry the light of God's peace and justice into a weary world.

In Violence and Travail

A prayer by Walter Brueggemann

We give you thanks for the babe born in violence.

We give you thanks for the miracle of Bethlehem, born into the Jerusalem heritage.

We do not understand why the innocents must be slaughtered; we know that your kingdom comes in violence and travail.

Our time would be a good time for your kingdom to come, because we have had enough of violence and travail.

So we wait with eager longing, and with enormous fear, because your promises do not coincide with our favorite injustices.

We pray for the coming of your kingdom on earth as it is around your heavenly throne.

We are people grown weary of waiting.

We dwell in the midst of cynical people, and we have settled for what we can control.

We do know that you hold initiative for our lives, that your love planted our salvation before we saw the light of day.

And so we wait for your coming, in your vulnerable baby in whom all things are made new.

Amen

Sarah Hausken

Cross of Calvary Youth

Breakfast Club is for Youth in grades 10-12 and will begin at 7:07 am on Thursdays at Cross of Calvary

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

Wonders on Wednesday (WOW) are our weekly after school program for 4-6th graders. Students can ride bus 3 to church on Wednesdays for snack, free time, games, Bible dramas, Cooking club, serving at the Food shelf, singing, and interactive prayer time. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

Jesus Justice League is our monthly after school program for 1-3 graders. Students can ride bus 3 to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month for snack and an opportunity to “play” Bible stories through games, drama, science, art and singing. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

Coffee hour is a time for God’s people at Cross of Calvary to minister to each other through caring conversation. All members with youth in grades 1-12 are scheduled one time during the year. Please bring 3 doz. Treats. Directions are posted on the kitchen cupboard. Thank you for serving in this way.

Sunday School Program will be Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 am

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| December Coffee Hour | 2 | | No Coffee Hour Snowflake Bazaar – Everyone Welcome! |
| | 9 | Youth Families | Tim & Bobbi Kopel Matt & Dani Larson Craig & Jamie Lothert |
| | 16 | Youth Families | Greg & Dawn Mertens Kevin & Sandra Whited Ben & Sara Wussow |
| | 23 | | No Coffee Hour |
| | 30 | | No Coffee Hour |

If a group would like to serve for Coffee Hour on Dec. 23 & 30, please let Jeni or Sue know.

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Gordy Blem, 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
 USHERS 8:30 – Keith Larson, Nate Bahl, Dave & Sue Lindquist
 10:30 – Steve & Sue Altmann
 Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm Dave & Sue Lindquist
Christmas Eve – 9:00 pm ?

Note: if you are the usher for the 8:30 service, you are responsible for the 9:00 service

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Cole & Kenzie Visser
 10:30 – Leo Adamski 7 McKenna Siems
 ALTAR GUILD Jenny Evenson & Lisa Meints

Cross of Calvary Church News/Events

Bible Studies

Dorcas Bible Study will meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Ruth Bible Study will meet the 4th Monday at 1:30 pm. Please meet at Parkview place.

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday at either 6:15 am or 7:00 am. Please meet in the Church Library.

Bible Women: "All Their Words and Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman will start Dec. 13, 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. Books are \$20.00. (Order thru Sue in the office) If you have already ordered, books have arrived!!

Cross of Calvary Care Team: We will meet every month on the 2nd Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact DeeAnne Newville if interested in joining.



Advent/Christmas

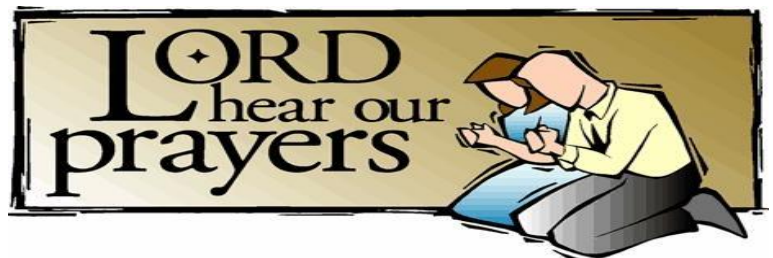
Worship Times

Midweek Advent Worship: 7:00 pm each Wednesday evening on December 5, 12 and 19. Join us in a brief half-hour time of sharing the quiet hope, waiting and preparing of the Advent season.

Christmas services:

Sunday, December 23rd: 9:00 am,
Monday, December 24th: 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm.
No Service on, Saturday the 29th.
Sunday, December 30th will be a 9:00 am service only.

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.

*Donna Greenwell – Family

*Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek

*Mikaelson Family – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

*Fay Kuznia – Friends

*Pat Schmitz – Michelle Jensen (mother)

* Susie Lothert – Friends & Family

*Tracey Becker – Nathan & Angela Cole

*Jane (Dillon) Bruns – sister of Kathy Brown

*Marlys Schumacher – mother of Bruce Metteer

*Luella Norberg – Lynnette Blem mother

**Calendar Note: Annual Meeting is
January 27th at 9:30
The 2019 proposed budget will be available January 20th.**

Snowflake Bazaar: Sunday, Dec. 2nd



This Christmas, the Altar Guild is promoting the ELCA Good Gifts program.

What are you asking of me?

You are encouraged to join in support of long-term, sustainable solutions that nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. Make your donation in HONOR to or in MEMORY of loved ones and ensure that your good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They will keep on giving for years to come.

What about poinsettias?

This opportunity for giving is in place of purchasing poinsettias for the Altar. Have no worry, the Altar Guild will be placing a number of poinsettias around the Altar for Christmas.

My donation?

Any donation is welcomed. The amount you give will remain confidential, yet will show up on your yearly giving statement. Please make checks to Cross of Calvary.

Deadlines?

Monday, December 17, is the last day to submit a donation, because the names of those for whom you honor will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

How do I make a donation?

- Envelopes are in the church entry.
- Fill in the information on the front.
- Place your check or cash inside.
- Seal.
- Put envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door (not in the offering plate, please



Give something **unexpected** this Christmas.

December

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| 12/01 | Donna Greenwell | 12/11 | Randy Harrier | 12/18 | Nick Bruns |
| 12/01 | Morgen Dietrich | 12/11 | Hannah Bellig | 12/18 | Mitchell Crow |
| 12/01 | Michael Triplett | 12/11 | Steven Bellig | 12/18 | Jack Iverson |
| 12/01 | Abby Sigurdson | 12/11 | Brady Ridler | 12/19 | Ron Fahse |
| 12/01 | Paige Johnson | 12/11 | London Prokosch | 12/19 | Amilio Reynolds- Hernandez |
| 12/02 | Herb Wallert | 12/11 | Dawson Erickson | 12/20 | Joshua Honzay |
| 12/02 | Jeff Revier | 12/12 | Konnie Deklerk | 12/20 | Jacob Skeie |
| 12/02 | Adam Steffel | 12/12 | Joseph Lingl, Sr. | 12/20 | Jonas Lang |
| | | 12/12 | Melissa Adamski | 12/20 | Jade Olson |
| 12/03 | Emersyn Malvin | | | 12/21 | Joan Wick |
| 12/04 | Gerald Revier | 12/13 | Jerry Brustuen | 12/21 | Kandi Erickson |
| 12/04 | Clayton Erickson | 12/13 | Roxanne Torkelson | 12/22 | Courtney Kopel |
| 12/04 | Krista Schrupp | 12/13 | Ryan Jensen | 12/22 | Briar Lippert |
| 12/04 | Michael Kemnitz | 12/13 | Nathan Barta | 12/23 | Samuel Sigurdson |
| 12/05 | Susan Lindquist | 12/14 | Bruce Knoke | 12/24 | Barbara Lingl |
| 12/05 | David Torgelson | 12/14 | Kathy Johnson | 12/24 | Nate Cole |
| 12/05 | Libby Revier | 12/14 | Sarah Hausken | 12/24 | Emily Perry |
| 12/05 | Christina Meuhlberg | 12/14 | Jaime Bergren/Hanish | 12/24 | Emily McDowell |
| 12/05 | Lucas Wertish | 12/14 | Matt Adamski | 12/24 | Tanya Serbus |
| 12/06 | Preston Matti | 12/14 | Reese Malvin | 12/24 | Elizabeth Hatch |
| 12/07 | Sharon Ryan | 12/15 | Marcella Wacek | 12/24 | Gabriel Suess |
| 12/07 | Gary Grund | 12/15 | Tim Wertish | 12/25 | Tammy Kopel |
| 12/07 | Joseph Newville | 12/15 | Amy van Barnes | 12/26 | Steve Wertish |
| 12/08 | Brian Wallert | 12/15 | Miranda Neubauer | 12/26 | Griffin Osthus |
| 12/08 | Angela Seidl | 12/16 | Kristina Bohm | 12/27 | JoLynn Valentin |
| 12/09 | Brody Enestvedt | 12/17 | Rosalie Sheggeby | 12/27 | Caeden Gluesing |
| 12/10 | Joyce Limoges | 12/17 | Loren Lilja | 12/29 | Vi Johnston |
| 12/10 | Roger Feil | 12/18 | Tami Revier | 12/29 | Linda Fahse |
| | | 12/18 | Dan Gross | 12/29 | Dylan Gass |
| 12/07 | Asher Gass | 12/19 | Mackenzie Lothert | 12/21 | Harper Plumley |
| | | | | 12/31 | Mark Morse |

Community Events/News

Santa's Closet had a very successful year. We served over 300 families. This included approximately 1100 individuals. Our vision and mission is to provide basic necessities for people. The generous spirit of Renville county and surrounding areas has kept our program going. Thank you so much!

We are always accepting donations: toys, logos, science kits, games, art supplies, toy cars, trucks, activity kits, building toys, dolls and coloring books. A basket will available at church.

St. Mary's CCW Theme Basket Silent Auction, Bake Sale & BBQ meal, December 8th & 9th at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bird Island. Bake sale & Silent Auction will me Saturday from 3-6 and Sunday from 9:30 – 12:30. (More information on the board)

Community Voices of Renville County present our Christmas Cantata "Christmas Presence" on Thursday, December 6:00 at 7:00 pm. Free will offering given to Santa's Closet and Renville Co. Food She

December 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 2 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30 – 10:20 am Snowflake Bazaar Good Gifts start | 3 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm | 4 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 5 Confirmation Meal 6:00 Class 6:00-7:00 WOW 3:15-5:00 Advent Service 7:00 pm | 6 | 7 Fellowship Hall reserved at 6:00 pm | 8 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 9 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30- 10:20 Care Team Mtg. 9:45 -Nursing Home Service at 1:00 pm Girls Scouts – Fellowship Hall 2-5 | 10 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm | 11 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Jesus Justice League 3:15-5:00 | 12 Confirmation Meal 6:00 Class 6:00-7:00 WOW 3:15-5:00 -Equipping Committee Mtg. 6- 7 Advent Service 7:00 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 Worship 5:30 pm Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall |
| 16 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School Program at 10:30 service | 17 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm Good Gifts due Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 (Parkview) potluck | 18 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 19 Confirmation Meal 6:00 Class 6:00-7:00 WOW 3:15-5:00 Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am at Master's Children Youth & Family Mtg. 6pm Church Council Mtg. After service Advent Service 7:00 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 23 Worship 9:00 am only No Sunday School | 24 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm Christmas services at 4:30 and 9:00 pm | 25 | 26 No Confirmation No WOW | 27 | 28 | 29 No Worship |
| 30 Worship 9:00 am only | 31 | | | | | |

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 @ 7:30pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order- Gordy Blem
2. Devotions – *Eric Skeie*
3. Approve minutes of the ***October meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Natashia Johnson, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – ***October*** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Eric Skeie, seconded by Jon Hawkinson, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report - There were 14 students confirmed this year. Also, there were 12 students received Communion for the first time on November 4th. Pastor has taken the Synod Boundaries recertification. Regular visits have been going very well. Pastor Matt has been working with the Worship & Music committee on music for the upcoming months, it has been very helpful.
6. Parish Ministers report – Jeni & Sarah submitted a report, if you are interested in reading it, please contact the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2018)

1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann – did not meet
2. Children, Youth and Family- Natasha Johnson – Coffee Hour on Dec. 23 & 30 has been opened up to other church members to serve. / Plans to offer Day Camp again this summer. (July 7-11)There will be no supper, but snacks will be provided during camp. / Junior High Youth gathering was once again a huge success.
3. Equipping – Eric Skeie & Laurence Stratton – The Committee has been discussing Adult education for Cross of Calvary. They have been brainstorming a lot of different ideas, looking for input from the congregation on what they would like to see happen moving forward.
4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay – They will be meeting later in the month.
5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson - They will be meeting on November 15th.
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville - DeeAnne submitted a report, stop in the office to read. They are moving ahead with projects.
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen - Working on getting more members. Let the office know if you are interested in joining the committee
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson – New member Sunday was November 11th, Jon had a great discussion with new members and will be working on ideas for information to give to member as they join the church.
9. Technology – Steve Altmann – Cleaned the office laptop. / Wiring to education wing has been completed.
10. AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann

OLD BUSINESS

- Shed: two bids have been submitted – Motion was made to except the highest bid, motion make by Dana Boen and seconded by Eric Skeie to except bid, motion passed. Shed will be removed by November 25th)
- Waiting on a call back for Dick Alton about the piano – Dick wants parts, but not the whole piano.
- Wiring down the Sunday School hall has been completed. (Valley Electric)
- Wiring in the shed has been completed. (Valley Electric)

NEW BUSINESS

- BOLD Community Ed. is asking if a wine making class could be held at Cross of Calvary. No date has been set; they are looking for location first. After much discussion a motion was made by Eric Skeie and seconded by Curt Sather to deny BOLD Community Ed. from making wine at church. Vote was 8-1, motion passed.
- Olivia’s House of Hope has contacted the church and is asking a \$50.00 donation to the house monthly. This would need to be added to the budget. (motion needed) – This request will be given to the Mission Committee.
- Annual meeting will be January 20th. Sue will start to gather information for the meeting. – The annual meeting has been moved to January 27th, with information available by January 20th so members can have more time to review the 2019 budget before the meeting.
- New door handles with locks will be placed on all Sunday School room. A motion was made by Dana Boen and seconded by Curt Sather. Motion passed.
 - ❖ Report on trial on the south edge of Church property (Steve) Informational only

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm
 December Communion: 8:30 – Gordy Blem, 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
 December Devotion – Steve Altman **Adjourn / Close in prayer.**