



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Follower

February 2019



Last Sunday our gospel was from John 2:1-12 about the wedding at Cana in Galilee.

The message was about how Jesus makes us BETTER, just like the wine.

It shared about GRACE upon GRACE that Jesus gives in His death and resurrection.

We are blessed with how “God provides” in ABUNDANCE like the overflowing water into wine.

But after we see the abundance that Jesus is providing, what do we do with that knowledge? So many of the stories of Jesus display his abundance for us. He loves us. That is fantastic! We are renewed because of His body given for us and His blood shed for us. Jesus wants us to remember that. But if we don't share the abundance that he gives, it stops right here. How can we share the abundance of God with others every day? Write it on your mirror with a dry-erase marker and journal the results. Where do we see the abundance in our lives? How can we share it? How do we see it multiply? Please share your stories with others!

Grace,

Jeni



**Living in God's
Abundance**

Youth News/Events



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.

Confirmation Supper Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 240 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer. Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD. Dates with openings: , Feb. 6, Feb. 27, April 24 and May 1. There are also 1 spots open on Feb. 13, for one more family to join.

Camp Sunday will be Sunday, Feb. 10 we will be sharing the joys of Bible Camp during Sunday School opening. Parents, please come to opening with your children that day. We've found that the Holy Spirit moves in unique ways at camp and we'd love for all kids to experience that. Come find out about camp and how affordable it is thanks to multiple scholarship opportunities through Cross of Calvary.

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GOOD NEWS! The senior high gathering is later this year, so it shouldn't conflict with any playoffs or state tournaments! It will be held April 5-6 at Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria, MN. The camp setting is so fun with a gym, climbing wall, coffee shop, game room, camp fire, dorms, and worship center. And the food is always so good! Walk Humbly is the theme this year and is based on Micah 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." 9-12 graders can register with Jeni, sign up on the parish minister door or youth board. Cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for friends. We will leave between 4:30 -6:00 on the 5th and return home at 8pm on the 6th. Bring money for dinner on the drive up and on the drive home and optional snacks and coffee drinks at the gathering.

Ski day - February 24. We will be hitting the slopes at Mt Kato, leaving Cross of Calvary at 12:30 and returning at 9-9:30 pm. This event is for 7-12 grade, however kids younger may participate with a parent or family. Drivers needed. Forms at church on the youth table or on our office door. You must sign up and pay by Wednesday, Feb. 20 for the group rate. (\$21 for lift ticket, \$19 for equipment rentals, \$4 for optional helmet rental. Also beginner lessons are available \$4.) Checks should be made out to Cross of Calvary Youth. Contact Jeni with questions.

Senior high (9-12) pizza and night games - February 10 - 6:00-8:30 at Cross of Calvary. Please sign up or text me so I know how much pizza to order.

Senior high youth group mark your calendar for March 10 and 31 also. More info next month!

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.

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| February Coffee Hour | 3 | Youth | Tim and Jessica Plumley Cory and Skye Hebrink Justin and Carin Martinson |
| | 10 | Youth | Steve Helmer & Dawn Helmer Brent and Susan Henricksen Steven and Tiffany Herdina |
| | 17 | Youth | Travis and Meagan Honzay Joe and Siri Youngkrantz Mark and Jamie Morse |
| | 24 | Youth | Kevin and Heidi Morse Tom and DeeAnne Newville Travis and Annmarie Suess |

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 is Thursday at 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. We have covered Eve, Sarah, Lot's older daughter and Rebekah. If you cannot be there on Thursdays, consider getting the book and following along. If you have any ideas about how we might do a group online, please talk to Jeni.

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.



Quilters will start the 1st Thursday in January at 9:00 am (January 3rd)



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Thrivent members: 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2019.

Prayer Request



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.

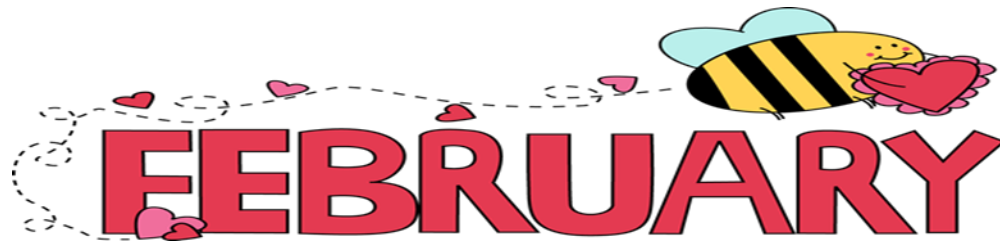
Prayers of Healing and Strength

- *Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather
- *Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek
- *Neva Geweke – Angie Boen sister
- *Alexa Fischer – Alicia Osthus Family
- *Linda Cole – Nate Cole’s mother
- *Faith Westby – Heather Thompson and family
- *Bodhi Crosby – Dani Larson
- *Haakyn Mohr – Dani Larson
- *Teeny Kadelbach – Friends and family
- *Steven Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach brother
- *Family of Marlys Schumacher – Sharon Metteer mother
- *Barb Miller – friends and family
- *Susie Lothert – Friends

Note: Persons will be removed at the end of a month. Please contact the office if you would like the individual to remain on the list longer. Thanks!

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Alex Gay 10:30 – Laurence Stratton
USHERS 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Brian Boen, Todd Gay & Stan Malecek
10:30 – Corey Gluesing & Aaron Thompson
ACOLYTES 8:30 – Kole Holland & Zane Boen
10:30 – Kyle Frank & Kaylee Fennern
ALTAR GUILD Lynnette Blem & Lowanda Frank



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| 02/01 | Joanne Balgaard | 02/09 | Douglas Agre | 02/21 | Jennifer Blad |
| 02/01 | Eric Skeie | 02/10 | Erma Revier | 02/22 | Randy Marguth |
| 02/01 | Kiah Morse | 02/10 | Seth Wagner | 02/23 | Lyn Knoke |
| 02/01 | Connor Torkelson | 02/10 | Broderick Prokosch | 02/23 | Dirk Siems |
| 02/01 | Kaydence Meints | 02/10 | Connor Blad | 02/23 | Taylor Serbus |
| 02/02 | Dick Hagen | 02/11 | Kelsey Wertish | 02/23 | Travis Mallak |
| 02/02 | Bruce Metteer | 02/11 | Allie Paulsen | 02/23 | Brandy Haugen |
| 02/02 | Nathan Flom | 02/12 | Robin Amberg | 02/24 | Marge Johnson |
| 02/03 | Teeny Kadelbach | 02/12 | Krista Beckler | | |
| 02/03 | Stacey Larson | 02/12 | Miranda Braun | 02/24 | Curt Weis |
| 02/04 | Betty Hamborg | 02/13 | Lilly Henricksen | 02/24 | Tammy Jacobson |
| 02/12 | Logan Osthus | | | 02/24 | Jennifer Visser |
| 02/04 | McKenna Siems | 02/14 | John Dotson | 02/24 | Delaney Holland |
| 02/05 | Porter Youngkrantz | 02/14 | Sue Altmann | 02/24 | Chase Schwer |
| 02/05 | Brielle Fuoss | | | 02/24 | Brian Pope |
| 02/06 | Amy Dietrich | 02/14 | Jill Hanson | 02/25 | Sharon Alton |
| 02/06 | Clint Olson | 02/14 | Heather Thompson | 02/25 | Zach Robideau |
| 02/06 | Tosha Hennen | 02/15 | Lynn Tesch | 02/25 | Cassandra Hennager |
| 02/07 | Tanner Mitchell | 02/16 | Bob Wertish | 02/26 | Barb Trochlil |
| 02/08 | Michael Woltjer | 02/16 | Dennis Aumer | 02/26 | Freddie Ridler |
| 02/08 | Susan Lang | 02/16 | Mary Samuelson | 02/26 | John Senkyr |
| 02/08 | George Garcia | 02/17 | Chloe Altmann | 02/26 | Tyler Rock |
| 02/08 | Kayla Maurice | 02/18 | Judy Kopacek | 02/27 | Christopher Honzay |
| 02/08 | Jacob Brustuen | 02/18 | Jason Valentin | 02/27 | Ryan Blad |
| 02/08 | Emily Revier | 02/19 | Tami Steffel | 02/27 | Carson Serbus |
| 02/08 | Kaylee Hilgert | 02/20 | DeeAnne Newville | 02/27 | Amy Pope |
| | | | | 02/27 | Ryker Benson |
| | | | | 02/28 | Cody Cole |

| February 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 29 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 30 Confirmation Meal 5:45 Class 6:30-7:30 WOW 3:15-5:00 | 31 Women's Bible Study 8:15 am Quilters at 9:00 | 1 | 2 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 3 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30- 10:20 | 4 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm | 5 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 6 Confirmation Meal 5:45 Class 6:30-7:30 WOW 3:15-5:00 | 7 Women's Bible Study 8:15 am Quilters at 9:00 | 8 | 9 Worship 5:30 pm Wedding 3:00 pm Visser/Olson |
| 10 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30- 10:20 Camp Sunday Care Team Mtg. 9:45 | 11 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm | 12 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am Jesus Justice League 3:15-5:00 | 13 Confirmation Meal 5:45 Class 6:30-7:30 WOW 3:15-5:00 | 14 Women's Bible Study 8:15 am Quilters at 9:00 | 15 | 16 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 17 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30- 10:20 | 18 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm March Follower deadline | 19 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 20 Confirmation Meal 5:45 Class 6:30-7:30 WOW 3:15 – 5:00 Church Council Mtg. At 7:30 pm | 21 Women's Bible Study 8:15 am Quilters at 9:00 | 22 | 23 Worship 5:30 pm |
| 24 Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30- 10:20 | 25 Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm Boy Scout 6-8 pm Ruth at 1:30 at Parkview | 26 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am | 27 Confirmation Meal 5:45 Class 6:30-7:30 WOW 3:15 – 5:00 Dorcus – 9:30 am at church | 28 Women's Bible Study 8:15 am Quilters at 9:00 Craft Retreat | 1 Craft Retreat | 2 Worship 5:30 pm Craft Retreat |

A volunteer is needed to cover the office from February 18-22. I will be out of the office. Please let me know ASAP if you can cover times and/or days. Thank you VERY much!!

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 7:30pm

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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

Absent from meeting

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 – *Dana Boen (Mark 12:41-44)*
3. Approve minutes of the **December meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Altmann, seconded by Curt Sather, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – **December-** Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Dana Boen, seconded by Laurence Stratton, motion passed.
5. Motion to approve the 2019 Annual Budget report by Steve Altmann, seconded by Laurence Stratton. Discussion: \$274,230.00 Budget approved and Thank you to Curt Sather for all his work for the church.
6. Pastor's report - Gen. to Rev. Class was awesome and worth taking! Getting prepared for Lent and Easter. Confirmation will now start the "The Lord's Prayer".
7. Parish Ministers report – report available upon request from the office

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2019)

1. Administration – Gordy Blem, Curt Sather & Steve Altmann
 - Financial discussion about the 2019 Church Budget: some cuts were made.
 - 10 new locks will be placed on the Sunday school rooms – on hold until a later date (\$51 per lock)
 - Parsonage – wish list will be given to committees with money to help pay for the things needed (egress window, tiles and new doors)
 - Attic was cleaned, thank you to Gordy Blem, Stacey & Keith Larson
2. Children, Youth and Family- Natasha Johnson
 - Day Camp will raised the price by \$15.00 per person, cost has gone due to camp cost and supper
3. Equipping – Eric Skeie & Laurence Stratton
 - Good number of members has joined the committee
 - Committee plans on educating themselves on how to equip the congregation and they will share their knowledge (doing so without using any church finances.)
4. Missions – Paul Buhr & Alex Gay
 - No report
5. Worship and Music – Paul Buhr & Jill Hanson
 - They meet and discussed hymns and musicians
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville
 - Working on Comfort meals: DeeAnne will be in charge now/Thank you Bobbi Jo Abrahamson for your service.
 - Meal Train will be up and running soon - Frozen Meals will be made ahead of time; to pass out to those in need (Kick off February 10th)
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen
 - Talking about fellowship within and outside of church. They are working on having 3 yearly events to promote Parish Life
 - hope to tie in with the Ecumenical services in the summer
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson
 - Working on bringing more people in the projects at church/how to approach members
9. Technology – Steve Altmann
 - Discussion about getting a new copy machine for the office. The current on is old and starting to fail.
 - Bids will be gathered with a limited budget)
10. AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann

OLD BUSINESS

- Collecting reports for 2019 Annual Meeting please have them submitted ASAP! Thank you everyone!
- Constitution draft has been found. The Cross of Calvary draft will be submitted to the Synod by Gordy Blem.
- There is a need for the flag on the eastside of the church to be untangled. (Suggestion?) Taken care of, thanks Gordy Blem
- Lights for the north side and flag – have they been fixed. (If not, who should Sue contact?) Taken care of , thanks Gordy Blem

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual meeting will be January 27th at 9:30 am

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 pm
February Communion: 8:30 – Alex Gay, 10:30 – Laurence Stratton
February Devotion – Alex Gay **Adjourn / Close in prayer.**