



*Cross of Calvary*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

# *The Follower*

## **September 2019**

As I am writing this it is still August but it feels like September. There is something renewing about this. With the cooler mornings and lower humidity comes a renewed sense of energy. Kids will be starting school. Sunday school begins. We have our full service schedule. Youth Group is set to go. There is so much that is begging that it seems like a brand new year. And, in many ways it is! We are starting a new year! New beginnings everywhere!

We do have an actual New Year Day on January 1st, but in many ways the practical New Year is September. So, with that in mind, we make New Year resolutions every year at the start of the calendar year, but wouldn't it make sense to make them now? So with all of this newness after a summer of (hopeful) relaxation lets' recommit to continue to deepen our faith journey together. This newsletter is your passport to a year of faith renewal. Use the opportunities that are in this newsletter. Or, if you have an idea for something that is not here, please share it with me! We love to try new things!

Blessings for a wonderful month of September!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt





**Starting: September 7th**  
**Saturday at 5:30 pm**

**Starting: September 8th**  
**Sundays at 8:30am & 10:30 am**

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Start of Sunday School 9:30 – 10:20**  
**Grades 3 & 7 receive Bibles**  
**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**God’s Work “Our Hands”**



### **Confirmation Meals for September**

September 11 – Bahl & Gross  
September 18 – Morse & Stratton  
September 25 –

## **SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

**COMMUNION:** 9:00 Dana Boen  
8:30 am – Dana Boen & 10:30 am- Reggie Lothert

**USHERS** 9:00 & 8:30 – Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Dan Amberg & Jordan Amberg  
10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Craig Gartner

**ACOLYTES** 8:30 & 9:00 - Jack Gross  
10:30 – Bjorn Hausken

**CLICKER** 5:30 PM -  
8:30 AM –  
10:30 AM -

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish

# Things happening in September

September 4th – Confirmation Meeting for Parents & students 6:30 pm

(Bring calendar to sign up for meal, Clickers & acolyte)

September 7<sup>th</sup> – Church service at 5:30 pm

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Rally Sunday

Church services are at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Grades 3 & 7 receive bibles during church service

Baptism – Amsden at 1:30 pm

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Justice League starts at 3:15 (Grades 1-3)

September 11th – WOW starts at 3:15 pm (Grades 4-6)

Confirmation starts 5:30 meal/6:30 class

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 am at church

September 15<sup>th</sup> – God's Work "our Hands" Sunday

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Women's Bible study starts again at 8:15 am Thurs.

## Cross of Calvary Church News

### Bible Studies

**Dorcas Bible Study & Ruth Bible Study** will start again in the September.

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

**Theology on Tap** will meet Wednesdays at 8:00 pm Max's, a young adult Bible Study and discussion group with Pastor Matt.

**Women's Bible study** is Thursday morning at 8:15 am starting Sept. 19th

## 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

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Family of Evelyn Noel – Chest Boen's sister

Rosalie Sheggeby – Friends & Family

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!

**Reminder to Cross of Calvary members:** readers needed for Sundays, if you are interested please sign up on the "Board". Thanks!!!





**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**



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| 9/1 – Gladie Hagen      | 9/9 – Kye Elfering       | 9/22 – Parker Ridler      |
| 9/1 – Kat Gatsche       | 9/10 – Don Revier        | 9/22 – Phoenix Allinder   |
| 9/2 – Madison Van Vleet | 9/10 – Dale Frank        |                           |
| 9/2 – Cahleah Harrell   | 9/10 – Megan Ridler      | 9/23 – Carole Buhr        |
| 9/3 – Scott Sunvold     | 9/10 – Katelyn Torkelson | 9/23 - Steve Helmer       |
| 9/4 – Veva Mittelstadt  | 9/11 – Mamie Folkerts    | 9/24 – Gloria Franzen     |
| 9/4 – Daren Sagedahl    | 9/12 – Barry Slagter     | 9/24 – June Mertz         |
| 9/4 – Braxton Helmer    | 9/12 – Siri Youngkrantz  | 9/24 – Cal Wick           |
| 9/5 – Rocky Pietig      | 9/13 – Karen Revier      | 9/24 – Elin Elfering      |
| 9/5 – Brenna Weis       | 9/13 – Darnell Bratsch   | 9/25 – Ethan Whited       |
| 9/6 – Elaine Maurice    | 9/14 – Justin Fahse      | 9/25 – Kya Young          |
| 9/6 – Tom Balderston    | 9/14 – Joseph Lingl Jr.  | 9/25 – Kaylee Fennern     |
| 9/6 – Chris Hanson      | 9/14 – Jordan Skeie      | 9/26 – Willem Deklerk     |
| 9/6 – Devin Gluesing    | 9/14 – Kylee Berg        | 9/26 – Craig Lothert, Sr. |
| 9/6 – Bjorn Hausken     | 9/14 – Matt Fischer      | 9/26 – Kelli Meyer        |
| 9/7 – Nancy Shafer      | 9/15 – Isiah Boehme      | 9/26 – Ashley Trongard    |
| 9/7 – Sharon Metteer    | 9/17 - Brent Henriksen   | 9/26 – Ethan Dahl         |
| 9/7 – Loren Rausch      | 9/16 – Debbie Knudson    | 9/27 – Shad Evenson       |
| 9/7 – Charlie Visser    | 9/16 – Andy Lang         | 9/28 – Jordan Amberg      |
| 9/8 – Kathy Reese       | 9/18 – Dawn Mertens      | 9/29 – Larry Larson       |
| 9/8 – Ruth Linde        | 9/18 – Chris McDowell    | 9/29 – Dave Triplett      |
| 9/8 – Lynn Johnson      | 9/19 – Stan Malecek      | 9/29 – Erik Wogen         |
| 9/8 – Kaden Bahl        | 9/19 – Alicia Osthus     | 9/29 – Casey Meyer        |
| 9/9 – Marlys Klinghagen | 9/20 – Caitlyn Bellig    | 9/29 – Liam Tretsven      |
| 9/9 – Rich Elbert       | 9/20 – Jacob Lingl       | 9/30 – Ryan Erickson      |
| 9/9 – Brian Mittelstadt | 9/20 – Baylie Kubesh     | 9/30 – Kelsey Fischer     |
| 9/9 – Angela Cole       | 9/21 – Bob Fliflet       | 9/30 – Katie Wick         |
| 9/9 - Madelyn Cole      | 9/21 – Ella Dietrich     |                           |
| 9/26 – Winston Lothert  |                          |                           |



## **Invite a Neighbor to Worship!**

At Cross of Calvary, God fills our cups to overflowing.

If you bring a neighbor (everyone is our neighbor in Christ) to worship Sept 8 or 15, you will receive a Cross of Calvary travel tumbler!

## **Community News**

**Renville County Historical Society's:** 5th Annual Patriotic Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, September 7, 2019 9 AM - 11 AM RCHS Museum Grounds in the Heritage Building behind the church.

FREE WILL DONATIONS Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Water or Orange Juice!  
FREE WILL DONATIONS plus a non-perishable item for the RC Food Shelf! Proceeds go to the Renville County Historical Society and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Renville County! MAIN MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE 11 AM - 4 PM FREE ADMISSION

**Hope Pregnancy Center's: Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising Banquet:** Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Willmar Conference Center – see board for more information

**Thanksgiving is worth celebrating any time of year!** St. John's Catholic Church in Hector is hosting a Turkey Commercial Supper on September 4, 2019. We will be serving in our parish hall from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Take-outs will also be available at this time. The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, cranberries, pickles, beverage and pumpkin bars. Cost is \$ 9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-10. All are invited!

**ELCA Sanctuary Resolution:** This document explains our churches mission on Immigration <https://www.ntnl.org/elca-churchwide-2019-sanctuary-declaration/> It is a very good read about what ELCA is doing.

## September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 9:00 am & 5:30 pm  <b>Communion</b>	<b>2</b> Labor Day – office closed	<b>3</b> Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	<b>4</b> Confirmation Parents/Student meeting for 8 & 9 graders at 6:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Service 5:30 pm
<b>8</b> Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am  Rally Sunday – Sunday school starts at 9:30 – 10:20 am  Baptism	<b>9</b> Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>10</b> Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am  Jesus Justice league 3:15-5	<b>11</b> Confirmtaion Meal 5:30 pm, class 6:30 pm  WOW 3:15-5:00  TAP at 8:00 pm	<b>12</b> Breakfast club at 7:07 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Service 5:30 pm
<b>15</b> Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am  <b>Communion</b>  God's Work "Our Hands" Sunday  Care Team Mtg. 9:45	<b>16</b> Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>17</b> Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	<b>18</b> Confirmtaion Meal 5:30 pm, class 6:30 pm  WOW 3:15-5:00  <b>Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm</b>	<b>19</b> Women's Bible Study 8:15 am  Breakfast club at 7:07 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Service 5:30 pm  Wedding off site
<b>22</b> Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am	<b>23</b> Ruth Bible Study  Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>24</b> Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	<b>25</b> Dorcas Bible Study  WOW 3:15-5:00  Confirmtaion Meal 5:30 pm, class 6:30 pm  TAP at 8:00 pm	<b>26</b> Women's Bible Study 8:15 am  Breakfast club at 7:07 am	<b>27</b> Grooms Dinner Fellowship Hall used	<b>28</b> Service 5:30 pm  Wedding: Johnson/Anderson
<b>29</b> Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am	<b>30</b> Library Reserved 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 6:15 am and 7:00 am	<b>2</b> Confirmtaion Meal 5:30 pm, class 6:30 pm  1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 3:15 – 5:00  WOW 3:15-5:00  TAP at 8:00 pm	<b>3</b> Women's Bible Study 8:15 am  Breakfast club at 7:07 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Service 5:30 pm  Wedding off site

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes for: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Dana Boen	2020	Jon Hawkinson	2021*	Reggie Lothert	2022 AB
Curt Sather	2020	Laurence Stratton	2021	Nathan Cole	2022 AB
Jill Hanson	2020 AB	Elaine McDowell 1	2022	Alex Gay	2021
DeeAnne Newville	2020*	Gordon Blem	2022	Sam Welchance	Youth AB
Steve Altmann	2021*				Terms end at Annual Meeting (Jan.) *Second term

**STAFF**

Pastor Matt Hausken      Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister (AB)    Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister    Sue Altmann, Council Recorder

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting called to order – Gordy Blem
2. Devotions – *Laurence Stratton*
3. Approve minutes of the *July meeting* – Motion to approve the minute’s by Jon Hawkinson, seconded by Steve Altmann, motion passed.
4. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – *July* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Curt Sather, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
5. Pastor’s report Confirmation and Retreats: all set and working on Confirmation curriculum for year. The material is here. / Grades 3 and 7 will receive their bibles on September 8<sup>th</sup> during church service. / Pastor has been busy with visits. / Note: please read National Synod Assembly notes that are in the announcements. Talks about Sanctuary and legal ways for help immigrants.
6. Parish Ministers report – Sunday school is ready to go. / Retreats are ready to go. / Summer stretch had another successful year with wonderful services provided.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2019)**

1. Administration – Alex Gay & Nathan Cole: Landscaping is finished and paid for with donation given by members. Thank You! / Jesse Zeitz is working on the Parsonage garage door, which is broken. / Basketball backboard needs to be replaced.
2. Children, Youth and Family-Reggie Lothert: no report
3. Equipping –Laurence Stratton & Elaine McDowell: Adult Education classes will start in September. “Faith & Science” Class. / Also, working on ways to approach the congregation on giving.
4. Missions –Alex Gay: no report, they will be meeting again in September
5. Worship and Music –Jill Hanson : Bands will start again in September. / A new musician has been added, Bria Henriksen.  
Thank YOU!
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville: Email chain has been started to help with individuals that may need a ride to church.
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen: Concert in the park went great!
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson: Thank you to the Cole family for helping with the Coen Capital parade. Special Invitation to New members will be September 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. (Tumbler given to those attending) / New Membership Sunday is being worked on by the committee. They will be having a meeting on preparing for this Sunday.
9. Technology – Steve Altmann & Nathan Cole: no report needed
10. *AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann*

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Garbage bin has been upgraded.
- Financial Statements have been mailed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion/vote on extra services during the winter months. Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Does Cross of Calvary move back to Saturday nights at 5:30 pm or leave the extra service to 5:30 pm on Sunday? (Fall & Winter Services will be Sundays 8:30 am & 10:30 am – Saturday evenings at 5:30 pm)
- Rally Sunday is September 8<sup>th</sup> – Information only
- God’s Work “Our Hands” is September 15<sup>th</sup> – Information only

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm  
September Communion: 8:30 – Dana Boen & 10:30 – Reggie Lothert  
September Devotion – Reggie Lothert  
Adjourn / Close in prayer.