



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Follower

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Blessings to all of you as we begin this month of February! Right in the middle of February is an important holiday for many people Saint Valentine's Day. So, this month is one that we often associate with love. When a lot of people think of love in the church they think of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians the 13th chapter.

This makes sense because it's read it many weddings and Paul seems to be addressing the topic of love and how you are to love one another. However, Paul was not writing a Hallmark greeting card. What he was doing rather was speaking to all Christians about how we should conduct our day-to-day relationships with everybody not just our significant other. At the time the Corinthian's were engaged in trying to one up one another by proving who was a

better Christian. Many of the acts that they engaged in were done to impress other people and definitely not in a spirit of love. The type of love Paul is talking about is one that is shown in a life of service to other people expecting nothing in return. This included not doing something simply to look better in the eyes of other people but rather out of a genuine sense of concern and genuine love for the other person.

This notion of loving service is at the heart of who we are as Christians. Christ constantly urges his followers to serve in a spirit of love expecting nothing in return. Paul goes on to continue this refrain by even adding that if it's not done in the spirit of love it is worthless. Knowing that Christ has been crucified and risen for our sake frees us to live for the good of all of those around us. We are called to reflect Christ's love in all that we say and do. It is a love that expects nothing in return but gives all of ourselves for the sake of others. We are able to do this because we know that Christ his first done this for us.

So, let us make this a true month of love for one another. We look for ways to serve, following Christ's example. Expecting nothing in return but known we have been given everything by God's grace!

Blessings for a wonderful month of February!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Cross of Calvary Youth News



THEME SONG CONTEST!!!!

The National Gathering in 2021 is having a Theme Song contest. It opens 2/24 and closes 4/21. If any of you are feeling especially creative, consider writing and entering a song. **Boundless: God beyond measure** is the theme. Also, if you are in 8-11th grade, put the dates on your calendar (June 29-July 3 in Minneapolis) and start working on your youth account with the fundraisers offered at Cross of Calvary.

If you are considering any camps or trips with church, our next **fundraiser** is the Ash Wednesday soup supper and it will be February 26. Sign up on the board by the drinking fountain.

Dodgeball will meet February 9. All 9-12 graders and friends are welcome- even if you are not on a team, we will find you a place to play. Or just come to cheer! There will be pizza.

Youth Band will be playing on Feb 8-9. Practice will be Feb 5, 7:30-8:30.

The deadline for **early registration for Shores Summer Bible Camp** is Friday, February 14. You can save \$40!!!! Please fill out a scholarship form if you are interested, you can get them from Sister Sarah or Jeni.

Day Camp will be July 6 - 9, (Monday-Thursday) and the cost will be \$45. Mark your calendar.

Senior High Youth Gathering will be Friday, March 27. Cost is \$80. Sign up by Sunday, March 1st on the board by the drinking fountain and pick up your registration/health form. If you are interested in being a small group leader or running for the Youth Board, please contact Jeni.

Cross of Calvary's day to lead worship at the **Olivia Healthcare Center** is Sunday, Feb 2 at 1pm. Please come and join us to sing, worship and visit with the residents there. If you are in confirmation, this service will fulfill your worship requirement.

More Fundraisers ahead:

- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - February 26 (Person needed to organize)
- Palm Sunday Breakfast and Auction - April 5 (Person needed to organize)
- Spring Fling flower sales - Mid- April with delivery before Mother's Day

Confirmation Meals for February

February 5 – Tara Amberg

February 12 – Papa Murphy Pizza

February 19 – Cassandra Adamski, Elisha Garcia, Tina Garberich

February 26 – Ash Wednesday, Soup Supper (students remember to bring a donation for Soup Supper)

Coffee Hour Servers for February

February 2 – Steve & Tiffany Herdina
Travis & Maegen Honzay
Ryan & Michelle Jensen

February 9 - Ryan & Natashia Johnson
Ken & Lisa Meints
Alison Johnson

February 16 - Tom & Alicia Osthus
Freddie & Monica Ridler
Brian & Heather Weis

February 23 - Robert & Nanette Serbus
Dalen & Jamie Stryker
Tina Garberich



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Alex Gay

10:30 – Reggie Lothert

USHERS 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Brian Boen, Todd Gay & Stan Malecek

10:30 – Corey Gluesing & Aaron Thompson

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Zane Boen & 1 **More needed!!**

10:30 – Parker Ridler & Maddie Ridler

CLICKER 8:30 AM – John Morse

10:30 AM – Bjorn Hausken

ALTAR GUILD: Lynette Blem & Lowanda Frank

Sign up form is on “The Board”

Dates: February 26 – Youth
March 5 – Men’s Group
March 18 –
March 25 –
April 1 -



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Thrivent members: 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2020.

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Science & Faith Adult Forum: Mark Thiesse will facilitate participants through a process of wrestling with the tension between faith and science; opening the door for honest questioning and the suggestion that the two just might be able to work together to make each more meaningful. Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary; Feb 2, 9, 23 and March 1



2019 Financial Giving Statements will be placed in everyone's mailbox in February (Or on the bench in the Narthex) Please stop and pick yours up!

Ash Wednesday Service: February 26th at noon and 7:00 PM



Bible Studies

Dorcas Bible Study 4th Wednesday of the month at church – time: 9:30 am

Ruth Bible Study 4th Monday of the month at Parkview – time: 1:30 pm

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, an adult Bible Study and discussion group with Pastor Matt.

Women's Bible study is Thursday morning at 8:15 am

Cross of Calvary Care Team is looking for volunteers to drive members of our church to worship service. Please sign up on the "Board" if you are able to help. Thank YOU!!

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

Equipping Congregations Day: Saturday, Feb. 29 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in Willmar, MN, Please check out the poster on the east entrance bulletin board. This is for anyone in the congregation; please consider experience this wonderful event.

Altar Guild Meeting: There will be a meeting on February 5th at 7:30 PM

Welcome to our New Council Members:

Thank you for your willingness to serve our church in this way.

Jill Hanson (Re-elected), Jena Bruns, Courtney Kopel & Makenzie Gartner.

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.



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Prayers of Healing and Strength

Family of Jim Page

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Bev Beckman – Blem Family

Ron Balgaard – brother in law to Joanne Balgaard

Maggie Bauer – Hausken family

Nancy Dykes – Friends

Family of Pete Amberg



02/01 Joanne Balgaard

02/01 Eric Skeie

02/01 Kiah Morse

02/01 Connor Torkelson

02/01 Kaydence Meints

02/02 Dick Hagen

02/02 Bruce Metteer

02/02 Nathan Flom

02/03 Teeny Kadelbach

02/03 Stacey Larson

02/04 Betty Hamborg

02/04 McKenna Siems

02/05 Porter Youngkrantz

02/05 Brielle Fuoss

02/06 Amy Dietrich

02/06 Clint Olson

02/06 Tosha Hennen

02/07 Tanner Mitchell

02/08 Michael Woltjer

02/08 Susan Lang

02/08 George Garcia

02/08 Kayla Maurice

02/08 Jacob Brustuen

02/08 Emily Revier

02/08 Kaylee Hilgert

02/28 Cody Cole

02/28 Kelsie Fuoss

02/09 Douglas Agre

02/10 Erma Revier

02/10 Seth Wagner

02/10 Broderick Prokosch

02/10 Connor Blad

02/11 Kelsey Wertish

02/11 Allie Paulsen

02/12 Robin Amberg

02/12 Krista Beckler

02/12 Miranda Braun

02/13 Lilly Henricksen

02/12 Logan Osthus

02/14 John Dotson

02/14 Sue Altmann

02/12 Mackenzie Visser

02/14 Jill Hanson

02/14 Heather Thompson

02/15 Lynn Tesch

02/16 Bob Wertish

02/16 Dennis Aumer

02/16 Mary Samuelson

02/17 Chloe Altmann

02/18 Judy Kopacek

02/18 Jason Valentin

02/19 Tami Steffel

02/20 DeeAnne Newville

02/27 Amy Pope

02/21 Jennifer Blad

02/21 Carly Jensen

02/22 Randy Marguth

02/23 Lyn Knoke

02/23 Dirk Siems

02/23 Taylor Serbus

02/23 Travis Mallak

02/23 Brandy Haugen

02/24 Marge Johnson

02/24 Jody Steffel

02/23 Scott Bremseth

02/24 Curt Weis

02/24 Tammy Jacobson

02/24 Jennifer Visser

02/24 Delaney Holland

02/24 Chase Schwer

02/24 Brian Pope

02/25 Sharon Alton

02/25 Zach Robideau

02/25 Cassandra Hennager

02/26 Barb Trochlil

02/26 Freddie Ridler

02/26 John Senkyr

02/26 Tyler Rock

02/27 Christopher Honzay

02/27 Ryan Blad

02/27 Carson Serbus

02/27 Ryker Benson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am 9:30 -10:20 Sunday School	27 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved Ruth Bible Study 1:30	28 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	29 3:15 – 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Conf. Meal 6:30 – 7:30 PM ConfirmationClass 8:00 PM Theology onTap	30 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Quilters	31 Parkview 9:30 AM Pizza Pick up 5:00 – 6:30 PM	1 5:30 PM Worship Funeral
2 Worship/Communion 8:30 & 10:30 am 9:30 -10:20 Sunday School Nursing Home 1:00 PM – ALL Welcome! Adult Class 9:30 – 10:20	3 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved 6:00-7:30 Boy Scouts	4 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	5 3:15- 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Conf. Meal 6:30 PM Confirmation Class 8:00 PM Theology onTap Altar Guild Mtg. 7:30 PM	6 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Quilters	7 Parkview 9:30 AM	8 5:30 PM Worship Baptism
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**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Minutes for: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order – Gordy Blem
- Devotions – Dana Boen
- Approve minutes of the December meeting – Motion to approve the minute’s by Steve Altmann, seconded by Curt Sather, motion passed.
- Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports – December- Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Steve Altmann, seconded by Dana Boen, motion passed.
- 2020 Annual Budget – Motion to approve the 2020 Annual Budget by Curt Sather, seconded by DeeAnne Newville, motion passed.
- Discussion that SW MN Synod will be paid \$5800.00 and LSS will be paid \$800.00 to end the year. This meets a ¾ commitment to these organizations.
- Pastor’s report - Busy December, a big thank you to all members. Pastor Matt was able to get to all shut ins before Christmas. Planning for Lenten season. Funeral for Jim Page
- Parish Ministers report – Christmas program went very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2019)

1. Administration – Alex Gay & Nathan Cole – review Cross of Calvary Constitution for the Annual meeting. The Constitution needs to be voted on at the Annual Meeting (January 26, 2020)
2. Children, Youth and Family-Reggie Lothert - none
3. Equipping –Laurence Stratton & Elaine McDowell – Doing great things!
4. Missions –Alex Gay - none
5. Worship and Music –Jill Hanson - they will be meeting in January
6. Care Team – DeeAnne Newville – Committee is busy with Comfort meals. Still looking for people to help with rides to Sunday Services.
7. Parish Life – Dana Boen - none
8. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson – Christmas cards send. Beautiful cards
9. Technology – Steve Altmann & Nathan Cole – This committee will be working on data security in the future.
10. AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann

OLD BUSINESS

- Reminder that all committee reports need to be in the office by January 13th.
- Cross of Calvary Constitution: Motion to approve the submitted Constitution by Alex Gay and Seconded by Steve Altmann, motion passed. Copies will be available to the congregation before Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Giving statements will be mailed at the end of the month. (January)
- Sue will be out of the office January 23rd – 28th.
- Equipping the Congregation Day, Feb. 29th in Willmar

Council Members: done 2020 – Dana Boen, Curt Sather, Jill Hanson & DeeAnne Newville. All but DeeAnne can re-join.

There will be a short meeting directly after the Annual Meeting with new council members.
Next Council meeting: Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 pm
February Communion: 8:30 –Alex Gay & 10:30 – Reggie Lothert
February Devotion – Reggie Lothert
Adjourn / Close in prayer.