



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Follower *March 2020*

This week we marked the beginning of Lent; the 40 days of preparation before Easter; I find this blessing from Jan Richardson to be insightful as we seek God at work in the world and our lives. As this season begins, what blessing do you need to claim from the ashes?

Blessing the Dust For Ash Wednesday

All those days
you felt like dust,
like dirt,
as if all you had to do
was turn your face
toward the wind
and be scattered
to the four corners

or swept away
by the smallest breath
as insubstantial --

did you not know
what the Holy One
can do with dust?

This is the day
we freely say
we are scorched.

This is the hour
we are marked
by what has made it
through the burning.

This is the moment
we ask for the blessing
that lives within
the ancient ashes,

that makes its home
inside the soil of
this sacred earth.

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.
And let us be marked
not for shame.
Let us be marked
not for false humility
or for thinking
we are less
than we are

but for claiming
what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff
of which the world
is made
and the stars that blaze
in our bones
and the galaxies that spiral
inside the smudge
we bear.

- Jan Richardson
from Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the
Seasons



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

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.

Dodgeball will meet March 8th. 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.

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 & Saturday, March 28. Cost is \$80. If you are interested in being a small group leader or running for the Youth Board, please contact Jeni.

More Fundraisers

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 March

February 26 – April 1

Soup Supper starting at 5:30 PM – 6: 30 PM (Donation encouraged from ALL)

Coffee Hour Servers for March

March 1	Richard & Tracy Sigurdson Lawrence & Jen Stratton Jeanne Welchance	March 15	Kevin & Sandy Whited Shauna Wagner Brien & Heather Weis
March 8	Kris & Jeremy Kopel Dana & Jenny Woelfel Dan & Melanie Keltgen	March 22	Tim & Bobbi Kopel Aaron & Heather Thompson Michael & Karissa Weilage

March 29 – No Coffee Hour – Ham Dinner



Cross of Calvary is in charge of “Meal on Wheels in March” sign-up sheet is on “The Board”! Thank you!!!!

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Alex Gay 10:30 – Jena Bruns
USHERS	8:30 – Kirk Elfering, Greg Helin, Richard Sigurdson & Rich Elbert 10:30 – Dave Altmann & Dan Beckler
ACOLYTES	8:30 – Sam Sigurdson + 1 more needed 10:30 – Daniel Welchance + 1 more needed
CLICKER	8:30 AM – Kaden Bahl 10:30 AM – Needed!!
ALTAR GUILD:	DeeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbi Kopel



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

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Sign up form is on "The Board"

Dates: March 4 – Men's Group
March 11 – Outreach
March 18 – Altar Guild
March 25
April 1 -

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!!!



Upcoming Event at Cross of Calvary Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Family Style Baked Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 29th from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Tickets sales following church services will be March 15th & March 22nd,
also, available at the door or call 320-523-1574

Ticket donations go toward the National Youth Gathering, building improvements & missions.



Greeters Wanted: In April we will begin having official greeters before Sunday Worship. If you have the gift of Welcome, please join us in this ministry of hospitality by signing up on "The Board" Thank You!

Adult Forum, Will Workshop on March 15 at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary: Legacy Planning: Being faithful stewards and faithful witnesses in life and in death, you've worked hard all your life to provide for yourself and your family. You've been a good steward of all the gifts God has entrusted to you and you've been a faithful witness to God's love and care. That doesn't have to end when you retire or even when you die. Come and hear from our ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner, Rev. Keith Pearson as he explores some of the ways we can faithfully plan to pass along these assets once we are no longer in need of them. He will share information about tools we can use to minimize taxes and maximize the gifts we give to family, the church, and other charitable causes important to each of us. There are no products or services to sell. Pastor Keith's services are a free resource to congregations and individuals

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

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
Military personal and their families
Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother
Kathy Brown – Family and Friends
Gwen Newburg – Jeni Skeie's Mother

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson
Phil Bahl – Nate Bahl's dad
Steve Roundtree family – friends
Bev Beckman – Blem family



MARCH

03/01 Sawyer Bellig		
03/01 Lachlan Robideau	03/12 Sonja Fostvedt	03/20 Anne Osthus
03/02 Karen Barta	03/12 Lynn Plass	03/20 Cody Dale
03/03 Cassandra Adamski	03/12 Tyler Hebrink	03/20 Braylon Bohm
03/03 Breanna Grund	03/13 Josie Lilja	03/21 Steve Erickson
03/03 Brett Grund	03/13 Mollie Carlin	03/21 Annmarie Suess
03/04 Duane Mallak	03/14 Traci Rock	03/21 Justin Schrupp
03/04 Katie Bahl	03/14 Nanette Serbus	03/21 Karissa Fliflet
03/04 Matthew/Angi Senger	03/14 Jackie Aponte	03/22 Danielle Guetter
03/04 Jack Hanson	03/14 Rylan Ridler	03/24 Tammy Schwer
03/05 Sandy Padernos	03/15 Mavis Maurice	03/24 Carson Kubesh
03/05 Ashley Gilbertson	03/15 Jeff Dale	03/24 Andrew Holland
03/06 Emma Nere	03/15 Drew Sagedahl	03/25 Angie Metteer
03/06 Eli Skornicka	03/16 Laurence Stratton	03/26 Jacob Gay
03/07 Andrew Baumgartner	03/16 Jesse Lingl	03/27 Sheila Pietig
03/07 Emily Erickson	03/16 Tatum Mages	03/27 Parker Revier
03/07 Jena Reese	03/16 Gavin Gross	03/27 Peyton Kowalski
03/07 Breann Mertens	03/17 Kari Wagner	03/27 Avery Blad
03/07 Daniel Newville	03/17 August Schmidt	03/29 William Neubauer
03/09 Bryon Metteer	03/17 Daylea Stryker	03/29 Jacob Mikosch
03/18 Paul Buhr		03/29 Zane Boen
03/10 Tara Amberg	03/18 Lorene Hanson	03/29 Alaina Weilage
03/10 Randy Paulsen	03/18 Bonnie Wersal	03/30 Janelle Neubauer
03/10 Dawn Helmer	03/18 Gage Amberg	03/30 Jan Steffel
03/10 Evan Jensen	03/18 Colton Baumgartner	03/30 Bobbi Kopel
03/11 Julie Mitchell	03/19 Chance Erickson	03/30 Craig Lothert Jr.
03/11 Cindy Johnson	03/26 Emily Weilage	03/31 Florence Malecek
03/15 Thea Gay		03/31 Kevin Wick
		03/31 Kayla Jansen



Lenten Schedule

Lenten Services: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

Soup Supper: 5:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5 (both services)

Matins Services, April 6-10 at 7:00 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 9 Noon & 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services, April 12 at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship/Communion 8:30 & 10:30 am 9:30 -10:20 Sunday School Adult Class 9:30 – 10:30 Nursing Home 1:00 PM – ALL Welcome!	2 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved	3 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	4 3: 15 – 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 PM Outreach Mtg. 6:30 ConfirmationClass 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Theology onTap	5 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Quilters	6 Parkview 9:30 AM	7 5:30 PM Worship
8 Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 am 9:30 -10:20 Sunday School 9:45 Care Team Mtg. 5-9 PM Dodgeball	9 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved 6:00-7:30 Boy Scouts	10 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	11 3:15- 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Theology onTap Altar Guild Mtg. 7:30 PM	12 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Quilters 3:15 PM Jesus Justice League Craft Retreat	13 Parkview 9:30 AM Craft Retreat	14 5:30 PM Worship Craft Retreat
15 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 9:30 -10:20 Sunday School 9:00 AM Will Workshop 11:30 Equipping Mtg. Start: Easter Good Gifts 1-4 Fellowship used	16 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved	17 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	18 3:15- 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 PM Mission Mtg. 6:30 ConfirmationClass 7:00 PM Lenten Service No Theology onTap 7:30 Church Council Mtg.	19 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible 9:30 AM Quilters	20 Parkview 9:30 AM	21 5:30 PM Worship
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29 Worship 9:00 AM No Sunday School Easter Good Gifts HAM DINNER (11-1)	30 6:00-8:00 pm Library Reserved Ruth Bible Study	31 6:15 am and 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	1 3:15- 5:00 PM WOW 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Theology onTap	2 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Quilters	3 Parkview 9:30 AM	4 5:30 PM Worship

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church – Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

Jon Hawkinson	(AB)	2021*	Reggie Lothert	(AB)	2022	Jill Hanson	2023* (AB)
Laurence Stratton		2021	Nathan Cole		2022	Jena Bruns	2023
Steve Altmann		2021*	Elaine McDowell (AB)		2022	Courtney Kopel	2023
Alex Gay		2021	Gordon Blem		2022*	Mackenzie Gartner	2023
Sam Welchance		Youth					

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken
Sue Altmann, Recorder

Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister
Craig Boen, Janitor

Sister Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister

Minutes

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – *Gordy Blem*
2. Approve minutes of the **January** meeting – Motion to approve the minute's by Alex Gay, seconded by Gordy Blem, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – **January** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Laurence Stratton, seconded by Mackenzie, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report – Lenten Services will be starting February 26th – continuing to prepare for Lent. Pastor Matt will be doing Continuing Education thru Gustavus College; the cost is \$500.00 and will be able to take at least 10-12 classes for the cost.
5. Parish Ministers Reports – The Parish ministers explained what they do to the new council members. They showed the form that was created by them to help the members. In Council folder. Things that are going on: Dodgeball with other churches, Overtime also with other churches. Started Bible Camp sign up. Sarah received Thrivent money to do prayer activities with WOW and JLL kids.
6. Committee Reports 2020 Committees will be revisited in March
 - Administration – Alex Gay & Nathan Cole – Water leak in library has been handled. The refrigerator in the parsonage was replaced. (Money came from Ham Dinner & Bazaar committees.)
 - Children, Youth & Family - Reggie Lothert – this committee is reworking their mission
 - Equipping – Laurence Stratton & Elaine McDowell
 - Missions – Alex Gay – starting to spend the Mission money, Back Pack, Salvation Army & Gideon's
 - Worship & Music – Jill Hanson
 - Care Team -
 - Parish Life –
 - Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson – Greeter will be starting in April
 - Technology – Steve Altmann & Nathan Cole – Security for computer is being looked in to
 - AED Maintenance – Steve Altmann
 - Maintenance: Craig Boen will be fixing the Women's toilet
7. Old Business
 - Equipping the Congregation Day, Feb. 29th in Willmar
 - 2019 Giving statements have been mailed (February 18th)
8. New Business
 - Update Church Windows congregation software (\$299)
 - Lifetouch – Sue will be getting more information from Lifetouch before we proceed.
 - Years participated: September 2001, March 2004, March 2008 & December 2015
 - Needs, Wants, Goals for 2020 – Steve asked Council to come up with ideas for next meeting.
 - New color inkjet printer – A motion was made by Gordy Blem and seconded by Alex Gay to purchase a new color inkjet printer for the office (old printer isn't cost effective anymore, with toner being expensive)
 - Communion & Devotion sign up for 2020 – Council have signed up for upcoming year.
9. Board Discussion
10. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 pm
Communion: March 8:30-Alex Gay & 10:30-Jena Bruns
Devotions: Jon Hawkinson