



The Follower: May 2020

*Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W. Chestnut Ave.
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Blessings to all of you as we begin this month of May! It is beginning with a lot of uncertainty and a lot of anxiousness on behalf of many people. This can be a challenging time. But, it can also be a time of growth and a time of exploration. Many moments of crisis have produced great things in our lives. It is amazing how God has created the human being to be so resilient. God has also created the human to be creative.

The one common denominator that I have found in all the people that I have talked to has been this one simple thing, they have more time. We've been talking about this for years that sometimes we seem to be chasing after so many things and don't have a chance just to sit and be and enjoy what God has put right in front of us our family, our friends, our neighbors, and his very creation. Well, we may not physically be able to be with friends and neighbors physically we can still reach out with telephone calls and cards. We are becoming more mindful of relationships. Not only relationships with one another but also the relationship with our God. I have noticed more people posting more spiritual tidbits online. This has been a largely neglected but necessary relationship.

This pandemic has wreaked havoc on so many things but the one thing it has also done is forced us to take a step back and to slow down and be mindful. May we use this time of renewed mindfulness to reengage in a relationship with God and with those that God has blessed us to share life with. This is a trying time but God's love and faithfulness is unending in just the same as it always has been. I look forward to a time when we can be together physically as a congregation. But in the meantime we will be together as well as we can be as a virtual community. Remembering all the time that home is church to and we can practice the presence of God at home as well as at church. But it is also a great reminder of the blessing we have when we can together physically as a body of Christ. Let us never forget this! May we never take this fellowship for granted and let us always remember what God has taught us as continuing to teach us.

Blessings for a wonderful grace filled, healthy month of May!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Offering

A huge Thank You for giving so generously!

Looking for a God sighting, where God has been at work in your life!

Pastor Matt is looking for persons that have felt God's presence in their life. It could be when you are walking, listening to music, etc. He would like you to video your experience and send a short video to him to share at Sunday services. (It can be anonymous or you can appear in the video)

**If you receive the unplanned Stimulus Check, and you can share all or part with others, we encourage you to prayerfully consider giving an extra gift to Cross of Calvary.
Thank you for your generosity.**

Cross of Calvary Youth News

Confirmation parents and students

Pastor Matt will be sending a video and worksheet to each of you each week. Then your small group leaders will be checking in on you for any questions or concerns. The worksheet will need to be completed and turned into Pastor Matt!! (Either by email or dropped off in the drop box on the east side of the church)

Confirmation will go into May.

Youth and Adults - If you are looking for something devotional, short and sweet, check out this one!!! It is refreshing and current. It includes an opening, scripture, message, prayer and benediction and you could read the whole thing in about 1-2 minutes. When you subscribe, it is emailed to you every morning. I love it. <https://d365.org>. It's a joint effort by the Presbyterian Church and a few other denominations.

Senior Parents- This is a time of grief and loss for all the memories your child won't be making. It is not how you pictured your child's Graduation to look. Here is a resource including some ideas to help you make Graduation special, even though we are distancing. Check it out.

<https://swmnelca.org/2020/04/21/graduation-milestone-moment/?fbclid=IwAR3TKsRzRquJ-chLECU3BexO0zUpOgclWwFWhtEdr7Wd7Q2t7VAnAWbyDus>

Online Sunday school will be posted on Facebook and our website after the weekly worship service. Tune in for a song, story and activity that you can do at home.

Boundless: God beyond measure is the theme for the National Youth gathering in 2021, June 29-July 3 in Minneapolis. It is based on Ephesians 3:19 CEV. If you are now in grades 8-11, you will be eligible to attend this event. Please sign up on the drinking fountain board/youth board if you are interested. Put the dates on your calendar and start raising money. Check this link to get a preview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghdWHO5Ajkw&t=8s>

**All Worship services will continue to be broadcast
on the website and Facebook – thru end of May.**



Graduates

Please take time to remember and say a prayer for our high school seniors, Jordan Amberg, Tucker Amberg, Olivia Hanson, Hanna Larson, Trent Paulson, London Prokosch, Brady Ridler, Jordan Sagedahl, Ashley Trongard & Brenna Weis.

Sunday, May 17th is Senior Recognition Sunday: a short slideshow will be on the website to honor our seniors.

Cross of Calvary Church News

Community Garden at Cross of Calvary

Garden plots are available for anyone in our community. Cost is \$20 to help with water and upkeep. If you can't pay that, scholarships are available. Plot includes 15 x 15 foot garden plot, tilling, access to grapes, raspberries, asparagus, rhubarb and herbs.

Contact Sue Altmann crossofcalvary@gmail.com if you're interested.

Mask Supplies needed

There are women from Cross of Calvary who are sewing much needed masks. If you are someone who sews, or have inherited sewing items, please take a look in your things to see if there is any elastic 1/4 in wide or ANY that can be cut down? Ace bandages? Or 1 inch buttons? Or shoe laces 16 inches and longer? Elastic is not available to buy right now and masks are still needed. If you can contribute any of these items, please drop off at the back door of 906 West Ash Ave in Olivia (in the alley near the library). Thank you!

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

Donna Greenwell
Sam Hennen –Betsy Hennen grandson
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the
Covid-19 pandemic
Phil Bahl – Nate Bahl father
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
Kathy Brown – Family and Friends
Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family
Evelyn & Greg Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach
brother and sister –in-law
Camden Serbus– Taylor & Tanya Serbus's son
Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother
Military personal and their families
Mark Grasmon
Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

05/01 Mindy Trunnell	05/22 Sadie Gross	05/24 Sheila Roelike
05/11 Kaitlin Opdahl	05/11 Hensley Helin	05/24 Ethan Fischer
05/01 Hannah Knudson	05/12 Ben Whited	05/25 Kyle Schломann
05/01 Haley Pietig	05/13 Lori Brustuen	05/25 Amber Thorpe
05/01 Ethan Weis	05/13 Katy Holland	05/23 Matthew Sullivan
05/01 Peyton Weis	05/13 Kelsey Dale	05/26 Amarii Jimenez
05/01 Shelby Stovern	05/13 Daniel Johnson	05/26 Isabella Clarin
05/02 Nancy Bellig	05/13 Brackstan Kittelson	05/27 Casey Elfering
05/02 Kelsey Brustuen	05/14 Betsy Hennen	05/27 Carly Sigurdson
05/02 Aaron Kopel	05/14 Amy Fliflet	05/27 Cody Sunvold
05/02 Zander Metteer	05/14 Carla Flemming	05/27 Jackson Hebrink
05/03 Heidi Morse	05/15 Bernie Johnson	05/28 Laura Walberg
05/03 Jesse Mages	05/15 Gordy Blem	05/28 Terry Mathison
05/04 Eric Vogt	05/15 Emily Iverson	05/28 Sonia Grasmon
05/04 Jamie Lothert	05/16 Dana Boen	05/28 Leah Johnson
05/04 Michael Weilage	05/17 Mackenzie Carlin	05/28 Tyler Amsden
05/04 Turner Padernos	05/18 Karen Flom	05/30 Leif Hausken
05/04 Kenly Elfering	05/18 Andrew Amsden	05/30 Gracie Johnson
05/05 Brantley Ostby	05/18 Madison Perkins	05/30 Elijah Suess
05/06 Dick Hatch	05/18 Bryce Johnson	05/31 Peg Vesterby
05/06 Kaley Wertish	05/19 Bill Kopel	05/31 Larry Meyer
05/07 Jamie Stryker	05/20 Dotty Schnobrich	05/31 Derek Stovern
05/08 Gavin Flom	05/20 Kole Holland	05/31 Derrick Bahl
05/09 Damon Bratsch	05/20 Gavin Johnson	05/31 Koby Brustuen
05/09 Luke Johnson	05/21 Alma Wallert	
05/10 Jan Wogen	05/21 Ava Stratton	
05/10 Abby Stovern		
05/10 Olivia Hanson		

Added: Owen Herdina 5/1
 Dana Woelfel 5/3
 Tatum Hennager 5/11
 Jack Ditterich 5/14
 Susan Henriksen 5/14

Hayden Helin 5/20
 Binley Hebrink 5/24
 Ella Aeikens 5/27
 Craig Gartner 5/30
 Gannon Kemnitz 5/31

COVID-19

Coronavirus Information and Updates

#StayHomeMN

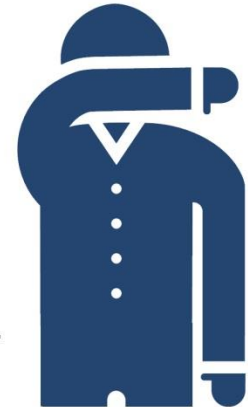
Extended until May 4

April 24, 2020

HOW LONG TO STAY ISOLATED IN YOUR HOME IF SICK

Possible COVID-19 Symptoms Include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Some patients have had other symptoms including muscle aches, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, exhaustion or loss of taste or smell.
- These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
- You are contagious 2 days before symptoms start.



If you are sick with symptoms of COVID-19, stay home until symptoms have improved, *and* for at least **7 days** since symptoms started, *and* fever has been gone for at least **3 days** **without fever-reducing medicine.**

***Note: If you know you were exposed to COVID-19, stay home for 14 days – even if you feel healthy.**

YOU CAN HELP! HOMEMADE FACEMASKS NOW BEING ACCEPTED:

Renville County is in need of hand sewn face masks. For the recommended pattern/video visit <https://bit.ly/3aRdp6B>

When making homemade masks please reinforce ties and/or elastic so they are able to withstand frequent laundering.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS:

Renville County Government Services Center

(For Use of Essential Community Workers)

105 S 5th Street Olivia, MN 56277

Use Main Entrance, walk up stairs and drop items into tote marked "SUPPLY DONATION"

Handicap accessible entrance on east side of building

Drop-off time: M-F 10:00am - Noon

Questions regarding donations to Renville County?

Call Public Health at 320-523-2570

RC Hospital & Clinics

100 Healthy Way Olivia, MN 56277

Drive-Thru Screening Station (south entrance)

A staff member will come to you to accept your donation

Drop off time: M-F 10:00am-1:00pm

Questions regarding donations to RC Hospital?

Call RC Hospital & Clinic at 1-800-916-1836



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church – Council Meeting

Minutes: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM (Zoom)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

			Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan.	* Second term	
Jon Hawkinson	2021*	Reggie Lothert	2022AB	Jill Hanson	2023*
Laurence Stratton	2021	Nathan Cole	2022	Jena Bruns	2023
Steve Altmann	2021*	Elaine McDowell	2022AB	Courtney Kopel	2023
Alex Gay	2021	Gordy Blem	2022*	McKenzie Gartner	2023AB
Sam Welchance	Youth				

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken	Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister	Sister Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister
Sue Altmann, Recorder	Craig Boen, Janitor AB	

MINUTES – meetings are by Zoom due to the COVID 19 virus
(Falls under Cross of Calvary’s constitution to have meetings via the web)

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – *Nate Cole*
2. Approve minutes of the ***March*** meeting – Motion to approve the minute’s by Jill Hanson, seconded by Gordy Blem, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – ***March*** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy Blem, seconded by Laurence Stratton, motion passed.
4. Pastor’s Report
 1. Holy Week went wonderfully – Thank you to ALL who made it so.
 2. Daily Devotions will start again, now that Holy Week is done.
 3. Pastor is taking online continue education classes
 4. Visits have been over the phone or video chats – it does have its challenge to connect this way
 5. 2 Baptism done in April and 1 wedding – all within the guidelines set.
5. Parish Ministers Reports
 1. Holy Week was very busy and wonderfully
6. Committee Reports
 - Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem & Nathan Cole
 - Children, Youth & Family - Reggie Lothert & Courtney Kopel
 - Equipping – Laurence Stratton & Jena Bruns – meeting at a later day: Thursday, April 16th at 7
 - Missions – Alex Gay
 - Worship & Music – Jill Hanson & Elaine McDowell
 - Care Team -
 - Parish Life – Makenzie Gartner
 - Outreach – Jon Hawkinson & Jill Hanson
 - Technology – Steve Altmann & Nathan Cole
 - AED Maintenance – Sue Altmann
7. Old Business
 - Needs, Wants, Goals for 2020
8. New Business
 - BOLD Schools Administration is interested in the possibility of housing the BOLD preschool at Cross of Calvary for a year or two.
 - ✓ We would be willing to house them, but would need to make sure we are within code. School is looking into this more and will get back to the church.
 - April money to date – going very well, thank you to everyone for you generosity
 - Community Garden is being set up for use – people have taken spots
 - Sr. Recognition will go forward either by a service or Zoom (May 17th)

- Board Discussion
 - ✓ President: Steve Altmann, Jeni, Sarah & Pastor Matt have been involved in many Zoom meetings with the Synod on how to help with this uncertain time at church. They have received valuable information and are working to keep all of us safe, with still sharing the word of God.

9. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 pm
 Devotions: May – Elaine

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Online Worship
3 Online Worship Online Sunday School	4	5	6 Zoom WOW 3:15 Confirmation - video 8:15 PM Zoom Theology onTap	7 Zoom Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 Online Worship
10 Online Worship Online Sunday School Zoom Equipping Team Meeting 11:30 am	11	12 Financial Peace University Info Zoom at 8:30 pm	13 Zoom 3:15 WOW Confirmation - video 8:15 PM Zoom Theology onTap	14	15	16 Online Worship
17 Online Worship Online Sunday School Senior Recognition Sunday - website	18	19	20 Zoom 3:15 WOW Confirmation - video 8:15 PM Zoom Theology on Tap	21	22	23 Online Worship
24 Online Worship Online Sunday School	25 memorial DAY	26	27 Zoom 3:15 WOW Confirmation - video 8:15 PM Zoom Theology onTap	28 Tentative Start for Financial Peace University via Zoom on May 26 at 8:30 pm	29	30 Online Worship
31 Pentecost Sunday Online Worship Online Sunday School						