



The Follower 2021

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W. Chestnut Ave.
Olivia, MN 56277**

Blessings to all of you as we enter into that amazing summer season.

For me it has always been a season of a slower pace, more time spent with family and friends, and being outside. This year it is all that and more! We have been through a year plus of lockdowns, sickness, and quarantines. Now it appears we are finally emerging from that. THANKS BE TO GOD!

It is once we come out of a time like this it is time to look back. And, in looking back see how God has been with us. Sometimes when you are in the midst of hardship it becomes so hard to see outside of yourself. But, in looking back you see signs of God's goodness and care. It was, to paraphrase the 23rd Psalm, a dark valley. But, he never once left us and in his care has brought us to where we are.

Hopefully, we will never forget this moment. But, equally as important, remember the lessons that we learned. During this time of isolation what I found myself yearning for was not a busy full schedule. It was not adding more stuff to my list. What it was: people. My family! My friends! My community! Computer screen images only do so much. To be face to face with those you love, that is life. The moments of bliss during this period were the moments spent with my family. These are the true gifts that God has given to us. He has given us one another to cherish and spend quality time with. When God created us, the first thing in all of creation that was not good was the fact that man was alone. So, God created another human and it was good. We are designed by our creator to love, serve, and care for other people he has blessed us to be with.

It is my prayer for all of us as we emerge from this time to never forget this powerful lesson. Never forget the God who has brought us through this and will never let us go. Never forget the blessings that God has given and never cease to give God thanks for all of this.

God's blessings for a wonderful summer season—filled with his grace and peace and the relationships he has given to us!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

Youth News!



2021 Confirmation Retreats

7th Grade – July 7th (10:00 – 5:00)

9th Grade – August 5th (1:00 – 9:00)



The ELCA National Youth Gathering theme is “Boundless

God beyond measure” with the theme verse from Ephesians 3:19 “I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.” It will be attended by 30,000 youth in Minneapolis on July 24-28, 2022. Students in class of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 are welcome to register. Mass Gatherings, Service learning, Synod Day and Interactive learning space will be part of the event programming. Financial assistance applications open July 22, 2021 and Early Bird Registration is \$350 with a \$150 nonrefundable down payment. This will be due by November 10, 2021. Here is the link to learn more.
<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview>

2021 Grads and older can volunteer to help with the gathering. Volunteer Corps applications open on May 22, 2021 and close on July 22, 2021. For more info, go to
<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/Attend/Volunteer> <https://www.elca.org/>

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Day Camp

*Here is the link to register for Day Camp with the Green Lake Staff at Cross of Calvary! It is for youth who have completed grades K-6. Cost is \$40. It will be June 28- July 1, Monday through Thursday from 1-5pm. No evening meal will be served this year, but we will serve a snack. We will be ty-dying on Tuesday!!! What could be better than camp that comes to us? Sign up by June 20th.

<https://forms.gle/3HBP75H4aiYkzDtCA>

Canoe Trip

We are going on a Canoe Trip with our 7-12 graders and adults from July 12-15 leaving from Twin Lakes Public Access north of Menahga, to Little White Dog Landing north of Staples. We will sleep in tents at campgrounds along the Shell and Crow Wing Rivers. Traveling with us will be Our Saviors Lutheran from Montevideo and our leader Quentin Markfort. Cost is \$150 and you can use your family church account. This will include food, tent, and canoe. There is a packing list and itinerary if you are interested. Please call Jeni if you want to participate! Deadline to sign up is July 1.



Watch the calendar for outdoor movie nights, game nights and camp fires this summer!!!

Adopt a Grandparent is coming your way. If you are interested in being adopted or adopting, please email, text, or call Jeni at 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com.

Song Leaders Needed: If you would like to lead the hymns at in person worship, or record hymns for online worship, please call Jeni at 320-579-0406 or Sue in the office. We would love to help you share your talents.



Church Cookbook Project Update!

The Cross of Calvary cookbook is underway with 100 pages of recipes so far! Thanks to Olivia Hanson for compiling and Lyn Knoke for assisting. If you haven't sent yours yet, you have until June 30 to email your contributions to Olivia at ojhanson0220@gmail.com. The cookbooks will be available in the Fall.

Thank you! - Olivia Hanson Deadline is the end of June

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Autum Stryker – Family and Friends
Nancy Hague - Friends
Mallory Klaes – Teeny Kadelbach
Rachel Kadelbach – Teeny Kadelbach
Sandy Kubesh – Family and Friends
Kirk Toltzmann – Cheryl Mallak & family
Merlene Bratsch – Family & Friends
Justin Meyer – Mike Benson's Uncle
Larry Baumgartner – Family & Friends
David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends
Chet Boen – Family & Friends
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families





Cross of Calvary Graduating Class of 2021

Taylor Amsden

Chad & Gena Amsden
Open House: Sunday, June 6th from 12-4
36518 3830th Ave, Olivia

Noah Boen

Brian & Dana Boen
Open House: Saturday, June 5th from 2-5 PM
Olivia Golf Course Clubhouse

Ashley Lynn Frank

Dale & Lowanda Frank

Caeden Denis Gluesing

Dawn & Corey Gluesing
Open House: Saturday, June 5th from 1-4
604 S. 9th St., Olivia

William Porter Hanson

Chris & Jill Hanson

Leif Hausken

Pastor Matt & Sister Sarah Hausken
Open House: Sunday, June 6th from 3-6
Cross of Calvary Church

Andrew Holland

Katy Holland & Matthew Holland
Open House: June 12th from 4-7 PM
32749 800th Ave. Olivia

Maddison Jensen

Ryan & Michelle Jensen

Carson Kubesh

Bobbi Jo & Tim Abrahamson,
Scott & Christina Kubesh
Open House: Friday; May 28th from 4-7
2450 Lincoln Ave W/ American Legion (Olivia)

Ella Mages

Craig & Becky Mages

Drew Sagedahl

Daren & Melissa Sagedahl

Brady Stovern

Derek & Tami Stovern
Open House: Friday, June 11th from 5-7
420 S. 4th Street, Bird Island

Benjamin Whited

Kevin & Sandra Whited
Open House: Saturday, June 5th from 2-6
Redwood Area Community Center
901 E. Cook St., Redwood Falls

Kya Ann Young

Dennis & Mandi Young
Open House: June 5th from 4-8 PM
510 8th St. S., Olivia

Prayer Suggestions for June.....

1. As the school year ends, we thank you for bringing our students, staff and families through this difficult school year.
2. We pray for families who struggle financially and with food insecurity during summer months.
3. We pray for unity in our relationships, our community and our country.
4. Today I pray for motivation to follow your will and your ways.
5. We pray for those celebrating life's transitions.... Especially graduations, marriages, new jobs.
6. We pray for those worshipping together today and for those joining from home.
7. We pray for those who need healing. Especially those on our weekly prayer list and their caregivers.
8. We thank you for children who bring joy to the world. Bring joy to them as they enjoy their summer activities.
9. We pray that we may be able to listen and hear Your voice. Help us to also listen to those around us and hear their voices.
10. We pray that those struggling with addiction may find the support and strength they need.
11. We pray that those in assisted living, LTC and group homes can have their bodies and souls warmed by Your sunshine during the summer months.
12. We pray for those suffering from food insecurity and hunger. Help us to serve you by serving them through the food shelf, LSS or any other means available to us.
13. Thank you for this Sabbath and the opportunity to worship and renew our faith.
14. On this Flag Day we celebrate and pray for our nation and its' citizens.
15. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong and give us clear vision
16. Please be with our church leaders today as they meet to do the business of our congregation.
17. Dear Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and in trying to bring help to others.
18. Lord help me to show kindness when feeling frustration and impatience.
19. On Juneteenth we pray for an end to slavery throughout the world.
20. Today we thank you for Father's and Father figures in our lives. Those men who have shown us love and guided us through our lives.
21. We pray that those who are afraid can put their trust in you as they face life's obstacles.
22. Lord, I thank you for your presence in my life. Help me to share Your love with others.
23. We pray for those who grieve, that they may find comfort in Your loving arms.
24. We pray that even with our differences we will be able to unite in Your Name and work together to solve the problems of our world.
25. Summer can be blissful but can also be savage. We pray for anyone suffering from natural disasters.
26. We thank you for shelter. Please guide us to help those who lack adequate shelter.
27. We pray for those experienced betrayal in their lives.
28. We thank you for the parents, grandparents and mentors who share their faith with our children. As Day Camp beings, we pray for the children and adults spending this week having fun and growing their faith.
29. Whether our families enjoy a staycation, a weekend of camping or longer vacation, help their time of rest and renewal build relationships and memories.
30. Thank you for the guidance we receive from Pastor Matt. We celebrate him today on his birthday.

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2021 at 7:30
PM (ZOOM & in person)**



COUNCIL MEMBERS		Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan.		* Second term	
Eric Skeie	2022	Sandra Gay	2023 AB	Alex Gay	2024*
Elaine McDowell	2022	Jeff Keltgen	2023	Laurence Stratton	2024*AB
Gordon Blem	2022*	Jena Bruns	2023	Robert Erickson	2024
Nathan Cole	2022	Jill Hanson	2023*AB	Tiffany Herdina	2024
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) Gordy Blem

1. Devotions – Alex Gay
2. Approve minutes of the *April meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *April* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Eric Skeie, seconded by Elaine McDowell, motion passed.
 - Council would like to see balance and year to date balance of checking account.
4. Pastor’s Report
 - Worship Service – Worship services are now open, with no mask if vaccinated and mask highly recommended if not vaccinated. Council approved moving forward with this type of recommendations.
 - Visits are opening up now, so pastor is able to see people in person. There are more visits each month.
 - 2 funerals this month.
 - Work is starting on setting up for Sunday school and other activities for the fall.
 - Confirmation Retreats have been set: July 7th for the 7th grade and August 5th for the 9th grade.
5. Parish Ministers Reports
 - Parish Minister Jeni – Jeni reported that school year programs are now coming to end. She is planning for summer activities such as: Day Camp, Camp House and a Canoe Trip.
 - Scholarships have been sent to individual that have been helping with music/band. Jeni has been receiving Thanks for the thoughtful gift.
 - 2 Faith talks have been recorded and used for the Confirmation classes. Thank you Cathy Helin and Daren Sagedahl for your wonderful faith.
 - Parish Minister Sister Sarah – finishing year end activities and setting date to work on Fall activities.
6. Office Report (Sue)

7. Maintenance Update (Craig)

- Men's bathroom urinal broke and has been fixed by Northern Heating and Plumbing.
- A large garbage can has been ordered for the Hausken family.

8. Committee Reports

- Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem, Nathan Cole & Bob Erickson
 - Trees and shrubs on the east side of the church have been removed. Plans for a fence and grass to cover electrical work.
 - Chad Amsden has donated his services to spray the church grounds for dandelions.
 - Replacement of the parsonage roof/damage from the hail: was discussed.
 - Parsonage stove has been fixed, thank you Mark Thiesse.
- Care Team – Jena Bruns & Jeni Skeie
 - Meals still available for those in need, contact the church if there is a need.
- Children, Youth & Family – Sister Sarah Hausken, Jeni Skeie & Tiffany Herdina
 - Regrouping committee
- Equipping – Laurence Stratton, Sister Sarah & Eric Skeie
 - Will and giving worship will be held in October. Plans to meet with 3-5 families to talk about giving, this will include a few council members.
 - Adult workshop forum will be in August. More information will be available at a later date.
- Missions – Alex Gay, Sister Sarah & Jeff Keltgen
 - Mission committee did not meet.
- Outreach – Jeff Keltgen, Sister Sarah & Jill Hanson
 - The committee is working on brochure for the Welcome to Olivia city packet. Continuing to distribute Yard sign from church. Jon Hawkinson is writing a grant to host an activity for Corn Days. (Open Door Grant)
- Parish Life – Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
 - Committee will have a meeting on Monday, May 24th.
- Technology – Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt
 - Committee did not meet.
- Worship & Music – Jill Hanson, Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell
 - Music has been set through June.
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok)

9. Old Business

- Update on Technology for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
 - Half payment has been made to start the Lighting, Sound system. Hopefully, July will be the start date.
- Page Memorial donation: Thank you to the Page family.
- Book Discussion, Chapter 4 – waiting until new members have a chance to read the assigned Chapters.
 - Chapters 1-4 for the next meeting in June.
- Custodian duties (Gordy, Eric & Craig) Met and discussed duties.
- Bushes in front of Sue's office could be trimmed back or updated (update)
(Altmann's would like to donate a tree to replace the one cut down, suggestion on a kind of tree?)

10. New Business

- Thank you to the Cross of Calvary volunteer quilters. They have donated quilts as a Graduation gift to the seniors. The quilters have also donated quilts to the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. A thank you was received from the RMH.
- Gaga pit will be worked on in July.

11. Board Discussion

12. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Wednesday, June 16th at 7:30 PM

Devotions: Bob Erickson



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship service THE TRINITY 	31 6:30 PM Library in use	1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1-3 PM Women's Bible Study	2	3 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	4	5 Wedding off site - Long
6 9:00 AM Worship services Communion Graduation Party 3-6 (Hausken)	7 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	9	10 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	11	12 8-2 Fellowship Hall in use Baptism Lippert
13 9:00 AM Worship service	14 6:30 PM Library in use 	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	16 7:30 PM Church Council 5:30-7:00 PM Parish Life Event	17 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship service Communion 	21 6:30 PM Library in use Jeni - Camp House	22 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Jeni - Camp House	23 Jeni - Camp House	24 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study Jeni - Camp House	25 Jeni - Camp House	26 Wedding Padrnos/Julson
27 9:00 AM Worship Service	28 6:30 PM Library in use Day Camp	29 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Day Camp	30 Deadline for CofC cookbook recipes 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study Day Camp	1 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study Day Camp	2	3