

August

The Follower 2021

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

“There is Music of Heaven in all things and we have forgotten how to hear it until we sing.” Hildegard of Bingen

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I’m reading a novel about the 12th Century Abbess, Hildegard of Bingen. She received visions from God which she eventually shared in writing. She also founded the first all-female religious community in Germany. Her quote above strikes me for two reasons.

1. Music sticks with us. When words of God are put to music, we soak them in and digest them in a way that is unique and lasting.
2. The Music of Heaven is in all things. In this past year we have worshipped together and apart. We have heard that Music of Heaven through nature, people, and indeed music. Some of us have forgotten how to hear it. We give thanks for all the ways we’ve been gifted with Music of Heaven.

As we look forward to what we hope is a great homecoming in the September let us pray that we may join in singing the Music of Heaven so that we may remember God’s love, God’s forgiveness, and God’s call to love and forgive others.

Sister Sarah Hausken



Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Administration: TBD

Care Team: Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 PM

Children, Youth & Family: TBD

Equipping: Sunday, August 8th at 10:00 AM

Missions: Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30 PM

Outreach: Wednesday, August 11th at 8:30 PM

Parish Life: Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 PM (Max's Grill)

Technology: TBD

Worship & Music: Monday, August 2nd at 6:00 PM

Church Council: Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30 PM

All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church office at crossofcalvary@gmail.com or 320-523-1574



2021 Confirmation Retreat

In coming 10th Grade – August 5th (1:00 – 9:00)



Rally Sunday

September 12th

Worship at 9:00 AM

Please watch the weekly announcements and September Follower for more information and specific details

BLESSING THE BACK PACKS will also be on Rally Sunday, September 12 during worship service. Bring your school backpacks to worship on this day and get them blessed for learning for 2021-2022.

10:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12 grade. New this year: optional class for 7-12th graders!

Confirmation 2021-2022

Confirmation classes will start up for 7th, 8th and 9th graders on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00 PM

When we gather for orientation on Wednesday, September 15th, please plan to bring your completed information/health form and 2021-2022 calendars with you on that night.

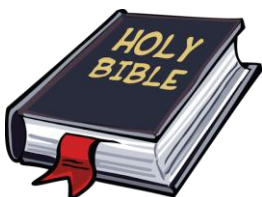


Confirmation Sunday will be September 26th at 11am, the last Sunday in September this year.

There is a banquet for all 10th graders and their families September, 22 at 6:00pm. We will have rehearsal and pictures following dinner. 9th grade families will be on to cook and serve the meal.

Put these dates on your calendar.

Mark your calendar!



1. Receiving of 3rd and 7th grade Bibles.

Sunday, September 12th during Worship service

2. 3rd Graders Bible Class

Dates will be posted at a later time



The ELCA National Youth Gathering theme is “Boundless

It is time to sign up for the National Youth Gathering! 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, 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>

JESUS JUSTICE LEAGUE

Starting September 9th, 1-3rd graders are welcome to join us from 3:00 - 5:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month for Bible Stories, snack, games, activities, songs and crafts. BOLD students can meet at the bus loop and walk to church with Karen Flom. Questions? Contact Sister Sarah, sarah.hausken@gmail.com or 320-579-0838

WOW

Starting September 15th, 4-6th graders are welcome to join us from 3:00 - 5:00 pm each Wednesday for Bible Stories, snack, games, activities, songs and crafts. BOLD students can walk to the church on their own. Questions? Contact Sister Sarah, sarah.hausken@gmail.com or 320-579-0838



God’s Work. Our Hands. Day
September 19, 1- 3 pm
Sign up to serve others in our community!

We are having an OUTDOOR Family MOVIE NIGHT, on Sunday, August 22nd at Cross of Calvary next to the new Garage on the lawn. Bring blankets or chairs, and your own snacks and beverages. Sunset will be at 8:10pm - so start arriving at 8pm to get set up and we will start the movie by 8:30pm. Movie: TBA. (PG Rated)

Adult Class information – more information will come out soon.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Vi Johnston – Family and Friends
Trevor Solem – Friends and Family
Kirk Toltzmann – Cheryl Mallak & family
Justin Meyer – Mike Benson's uncle
David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Chet Boen – Family & Friends
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family
ALL persons being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families



Update on Livestream Project for the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

The materials have been ordered! The company is waiting on a few backordered items. Once the items are all in, they will be scheduling a time that works for the church to set everything up. The set up will not interfere with any church activities and services. We are so grateful to have this opportunity to improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!

Faithlife

<https://faithlife.com/crossofcalvary/people>

ALL members of Cross of Calvary! Please go to this link and fill out/update your personal information. (All family members) We are using Faithlife to better stay in contact with all our members and will be using this for our new directory. This gives you free access to Faithlife TV, a platform like Hulu that includes our worship services and Christian programs for kids and adults. If you have any questions, please call 320-523-1574. Thank you Cross of Calvary staff.



Cross of Calvary Prayer Garden

The Prayer Garden is being renewed to include a space for table and chairs. The cost for concrete work/labor is roughly \$3000.00. The money in the Prayer Garden fund will be used for mulch, (front & back gardens), 2 small tables and 4 chairs.

We are seeking donations for the concrete work. Thank You



Walk in the Park (formerly known as Relay for Life) needs help with set up. It will be at Nester Park on August 6th and we need some youth and adults if possible, to help with the set-up of the bags and other things. We will meet at 12 noon at Nester Park or come at 11:30 AM and bring a bag lunch to join Jeni & Sister Sarah. It will take a couple hours. Let me know if you need a ride and we can help. The community meal starts at 4:30 and program at 7 PM Jeni 320-579-0406.

Thanks and Appreciation for Bishop Jon Anderson

Open House: August 14th

1-5 pm/All are Welcome

Redwood Area Community Center

901 E. Cook Street, Redwood Falls

There is a gathering to celebrate Bishop Jon's 18 years of service to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Bishop Jon will conclude his third six year term as Bishop on August 31, 2020

THANK
You
SO VERY much

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM



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

1. Devotions – Bob Erickson
2. Approve minutes of the *May meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *May meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Elaine McDowell, seconded by Jeff Keltgen, motion passed.
 - Payment will be made to SW MN Synod for \$2800.00, GLLM for \$2000.00. These are obligation from Cross of Calvary set by our annual meeting budget.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation
 - We are in the planning phase for fall and getting back to the new normal with services. Staff is working on how Confirmation, Sunday school and other activities will move forward this fall.
 - Visits, funerals, wedding and baptism have kept Pastor Matt busy.
5. Parish Ministers Reports
 - Sister Sarah reported a new bishop has been chosen, Reverend Dee Pederson.
6. Office Report (Sue)
 - Faithlife has been sent to member to assess their personal profile. Faithlife will be used for communication, directory, announcements, etc. – An update will occur in the fall of this year.
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem, Nathan Cole & Bob Erickson
 - Bob Elbert will be removing the stumps from the east side of the building. Also, a small fence and ornamental grass will be planted to over the cooling system.
 - Parsonage has been re-shingled starting 6/27/2021, along with soffits and fascia. Mulch is needed on the west side of the church.
 - Care Team – Jena Bruns & Jeni Skeie – no meeting
 - Children, Youth & Family – Sister Sarah Hausken, Jeni Skeie & Tiffany Herdina
 - A Reform team is being put into place to reach out to members to start a family ministry. A program is being used to help with ways to contact people. The program would work with 3 weeks with kids and 1 week with all members of the family.
 - Equipping – Laurence Stratton, Eric Skeie & Sister Sarah Hausken
 - No meeting. Committee is planning an Adult class in August with Pastor Matt leading.
 - Missions – Alex Gay, Jeff Keltgen & Sister Sarah Hausken – no meeting
 - They will start to meet again in September.
 - Outreach – Jeff Keltgen, Jill Hanson & Sister Sarah Hausken – no meeting
 - Parish Life – Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
 - Movie & Dinner was held on June 17th with 4 people in attendance.
 - Technology – Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken

- Committee is waiting for new sound system to be installed. We are looking at early August.
 - Worship & Music – Jill Hanson , Elaine McDowell & Jeni Skeie
 - Music has been planned through Labor Day
 - AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok)
9. Old Business
- Update on Technology for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall – plan is for early August
 - Book Discussion, Review Chapters 1 & 2
10. New Business
- Parsonage – Bathroom venting and metal soffits/fascia while shingling.
 - Work is scheduled for June 27/2021. Money will come from insurance hail damage.
 - A motion was made to add on the Soffits/fascia to the shingling. Made by Jill Hanson and seconded by Alex Gay. Motion passed.
 - David Wynn Company will be handle the project.
11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer
- 12.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: No meeting in July

August 18th at 7:30 PM

Devotions: August: Jill Hanson

During August we pray for.....

1. We pray for those worshipping today, both together and at home.
2. On this Monday, we pray for those who labor and for those seeking jobs.
3. We pray for our church staff that they feel our support in their work and in their lives.
4. As children and young families prepare for the next school year, we pray your blessing on them.
5. We pray for our 9th grade Confirmation Students today as they come together for their Retreat.
6. We pray that we take the time to listen and Your voice.
7. We pray for those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group Homes.
8. As our members enjoy a late summer staycation, a weekend of camping or a vacation, help their time of rest and renewal build relationships and memories
9. We pray and thank you for all caregivers
10. Oh Lord, I pray for Your wisdom and courage.
11. We pray for all those facing illness, especially those on our Cross of Calvary prayer list.
12. Lord help me love what is right and hate what is wrong.
13. We pray for those struggling with addiction
14. Lord we thank you for children who bring joy to our families and our world.
15. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please give me the strength to do Your will.
16. We pray for those who are suffering abuse at the hands of others.
17. We pray for those who mourn. May they feel your loving arms around them.
18. We pray for those who face food insecurity. Help us to share our bounty with those in need.
19. We pray for the young people in our church who are heading off to college this time of year. Please be with them as they face decisions about their future.
20. We pray that those who are afraid, will put their trust in You.
21. We pray for our earth and for those suffering from natural disasters.
22. Lord, continue to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and then turn me lose on Your purposes.
23. Lord, teach me to show kindness even when feeling frustration and impatience
24. We pray for our teachers as they prepare for another school year.
25. Help those who are suffering loneliness. Help us to recognize who they are and reach out to them.
26. We pray for unity in our families, our community and our nation.
27. We pray for those who have suffered betrayal in their lives.
28. We pray that the members of our church will find ways to share their faith in their everyday lives.
29. We thank you for shelter. Please inspire us to assist those without shelter.
30. We thank you for the ministry of quilting. May those who receive quilts feel Your love.
31. Lord, as this month ends, please guide and protect my family.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee	2 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg. 6:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg.	3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1-3 PM Women's Book Club	4	5 9 TH Grade Confirmation Retreat 1-9	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Communion 10:00 AM Equipping Mtg.	9 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	11 8:30 PM Outreach Mtg.	12	13	14 Bishop Jon Anderson Gathering 1-4
15 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee	16 6:30 PM Library in use	17 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Parish Life Mtg. at Max's Grill	18 6:00 PM Care Team Mtg. 7:30 PM Church Council	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Movie Night at 8 PM	23 6:30 PM Library in use	24 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	25 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee	30 6:30 PM Library in use	31 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	1	2	3	4

Jesus Justice League will be the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting September 9th (Grades 1-3)
WOW starts on September 15th from 3-5 PM (Grades 4-6)