



# The Follower 2021

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

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Dear Cross of Calvary Faith Family,

A few weeks ago, I shared that I will be resigning from my role as Parish Minister at Cross of Calvary. I have accepted a full-time position as the Director of Vocation and Education for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Our family will not be moving as I am able to work from home.

My last day of work at Cross of Calvary will be October 15, 2021.

I have received tremendous blessings from walking alongside you, our congregation's children, and youth as we seek to follow Jesus. I will especially miss exploring God's wonders with the WOW and Jesus Justice League kids and working with our Equipping, Outreach and Missions Committees. I am grateful that God allowed me to serve amongst you on our Cross of Calvary staff. We are so blessed with Pastor Matt, Jeni and Sue who share their gifts so joyfully with all of us. I am reminded that I have been a member of this congregation far longer than I have been on staff. I will continue to serve God and others with you.

Some of you may be curious about this new role I've been called to.

- The Deaconess Community started in Germany in the 1800's and is comprised of women who seek to love God and others by sharing God's Word and serving others.
- Deaconesses serve in many different fields. We have nurses, chaplains, social workers, parish ministers, youth ministers, lawyers, and more.
- When a woman would like to join the Deaconess Community, as Director of Vocation and Education I will walk alongside them as they discern their call, further their education, and figure out if the Deaconess Community is a good fit.
- I will coordinate Formation Events for candidates as well as a J-Term seminary class.
- I will pair candidates with seasoned Sisters for mentoring and help new Sisters integrate into the community.
- I will also nurture relationships with people in our seminaries, colleges, campus ministries and outdoor ministries to share the Deaconess Community as a potential way they can be followers of Jesus.

I'm excited for this new adventure and give thanks to God for giving me this opportunity.

Once again, I thank you for your partnership in sharing God's love. I am looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit continues to move through our congregation.

In Christ,

Sister Sarah Hausken

## **Council & Committee Meeting Dates**

Outreach Meeting: Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM

Equipping Meeting: Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 AM

Missions: Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Church Council: Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

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



## **October Confirmation Schedule**

Make sure you have signed up for acolyte. (1 month)

Make sure you have signed up for Sound Board/Clicker.

Confirmation: October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Confirmation: October 13<sup>th</sup> – 7&8 Grade

No Confirmation on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. (MEA)

Confirmation: October 27<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Breakfast Club:** Thursdays at 7:07am for 10-12 graders at Cross of Calvary. Friends are welcome! We will not be meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> – due to MEA.

**Fall Frenzy at GLLM** is October 9th from 9-4:30 for 2nd -6th graders. Cost is \$25. Deadline to sign up is October 1. Register online at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org).

## **Jesus Justice League**

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](mailto:sarah.hausken@gmail.com) or 320-579-0838

## **WOW**

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. We will plan to be outdoors as much as possible. Questions? Contact Sister Sarah, [sarah.hausken@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hausken@gmail.com) or 320-579-0838

## **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, 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>



**Jr High Youth Gathering** will be November 19-20 or 20-21. Sign up on the board by our office, or text Jeni to sign up.



### **Coffee Fellowship Servers**

A new sign-up sheet for 2021-2022 coffee fellowship servers is on "The Board". Please consider signing up for a Sunday so that our weekly fellowship time can continue.

### **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Claire Neubauer – daughter of Mark & Lara Neubauer  
Randy Revier – Family & Friends  
Harry Hawkinson – Family & Friends  
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends  
Trevor Solem – Friends and 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**

Has been installed!! We are all looking forward to this new addition to being able to share Worship with everyone!



### **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

### **Faithlife**

Sorry, still working on a good link.

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.

### **Women's Bible Study**

In the Grip of Grace is the name of the book by Max Lucado and the cost is \$13.00. Please pick up or order your book and we will be meeting on Thursdays morning in the library, from 8:15-9:30am.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our Sunday school youth will be singing. Bring Donations for the Food Shelf for offering.

### **October Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Alex Gay, need one more

Acolytes: Jack Gross & Sadie Gross

Sound Board/Clicker: need volunteers

Communion: Eric Skeie

Altar Guild: Eleanor Ziesmer, Sara Benson & Sheila Pietig

### **Installation of Bishop-Elect Dee Pederson**

Saturday, October 9 2:00pm Granite Falls Lutheran Church 350 9th Avenue Granite Falls, MN 56214

We are excited to celebrate safely together in the beautiful sanctuary of Granite Falls Lutheran Church. Space is limited.

Children are invited to participate in processions. If you plan to attend, please RSVP using the following link:

<https://swmnelca.org/installation/>

## During October 2021, we pray for.....

1. Thank you Lord, for the change of seasons. For the crisp fall mornings and the sunny warm afternoons. We celebrate your beautiful creation.
2. As we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic, please guide our leaders and us to do what is needed for the future health of ourselves and our neighbors.
3. Today our Sunday School year begins. Please be with the teachers, students and families as they come together to learn more about your word.
4. Father, I thank you, for your support me in times of distress. You answer me and hear my cries when I call upon you.
5. We pray for those who need your healing hand. We especially pray for those on our weekly prayer list.
6. On this Wednesday and every Wednesday, we pray for the WOW students and the Confirmation students who come together to learn, worship and build friendships.
7. During this season of harvest, we pray for those who suffer from food insecurity and hunger. Help us to serve you by serving them through the Food Shelf, LSS or any other available means.
8. We pray for those who grieve that they may find comfort in your loving arms.
9. We pray for unity in our families, our community and our nation.
10. Lord, continue to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and then turn me loose on your purposes.
11. Father, I thank you that you are faithful and your love is steadfast.
12. Lord we pray for those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group Homes. Help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and bringing help to those who are sick and lonely.
13. We thank you for shelter. Please guide us to help those who lack adequate shelter.
14. 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.
15. We pray for those who are afraid that they can put their trust in you as they face life's decisions.
16. We pray for those who suffer abuse at the hands of others.
17. We thank you for this Sabbath and the opportunity to worship together in person or online.
18. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong and give us clear vision.
19. We pray for refugees who are adjusting to new homes and a new culture. Help us to welcome them and show your love.
20. We pray for and thank you for all caregivers.
21. As children, teachers and families take a short break from their routine. Be with them and help them to find renewed commitment to school, jobs and their relationships.
22. Lord, we pray for those battling COVID. For those who are sick and for those suffering long term effects of the disease.
23. We pray for those struggling with addiction.
24. We pray for those who have experienced betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
25. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please give me the strength to do your will.
26. Lord help me to show patience when feeling frustration and impatience.
27. We thank you for parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors who share their faith with our children.
28. We pray for those making life changing decisions. Be with them and guide them.
29. We thank you for the gift of new life in newborns in our church, our families and our community.
30. Lord, I thank you for your presence in my life and the lives of those I hold dear.
31. As we end another month, we thank you for our many blessings large and small.

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### Legacy: Living and Leaving A Life With Meaning

By Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner

There Comes A Time: Planning to Let Go

You've worked hard all your life to build a home, a family, a career, a business, a nest egg for retirement, some security for the future. And it's not just a collection of stuff or a sum of money. What you've built reflects who you are and what is most important to you.

But, there comes a time when you no longer need all that you've accumulated. When that time comes, what will happen next?

On Sunday, October 17th at 10 am Pastor Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation will be here to talk about planning for that inevitable time. You'll learn about the shortcomings of many traditional plans, some strategies to help avoid taxes, and ways to leave a meaningful legacy that reflects your faith and values.



**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM**



**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	
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* AB	Scott Johnson	2022
Sam Welchance	Youth				

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. \* Second term

**STAFF**

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING - Call to Order (President)**

1. Devotions – Eric Skeie
2. Approve minutes of the **August meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Eric Skeie, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – **August meeting** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Elaine McDowell, seconded by Jeff Keltgen, motion passed.
  - o Checking account starting in May went from \$51,000 to \$32,000 in checking August.
4. Pastor’s Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation
  - o Kick off of Confirmation, Regular Bible Studies.
  - o Shutting down at nursing homes which limit visits, Ren villa worship is still going.
  - o Vi Johnston funeral on September 16th and another on Friday, September 17th.
  - o Fall Theological will be on line this year. October 11& 12)
5. Parish Ministers Reports
  - o Jeni is working on Confirmation, Jr. High Youth Gathering and worship plans for the Fall.
  - o Sister Sarah Hausken has put in her resignation letter. She will be working with the Deaconess Community full time. She will be working from home with her new job. A motion was made by Alex Gay and Seconded by Sandra Gay to accept Sister Sarah resignation, effective October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Sunday School teacher now has a Full list. The Sunday School new superintendents are Skye Hebrink and Jessica Plumley. Reviewed teachers and classes. They will be using Sola Curriculum.
  - o Sister Sarah has created a list of leaving tasks.
  - o WOW had 22 kids, with Cree Garcia and Jeni Skeie helping.
  - o Jesus Justice League started this week, with help from Karen Flom & Melissa Adamski.
  - o God’s Work Our Hands was on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. Office Report (Sue) none
7. Maintenance Update (Craig) Nate Cole talked with Craig – Craig will be ordering lightbulbs
8. Committee Reports
  - Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson
    - ✓ New wax ring for toilet, John Hawkinson fixed appliance at the parsonage.
    - Bob Erickson will look into the removal of the tree stump on the east side of the church.

- Care Team – Jena Bruns & Jeni Skeie
  - ✓ Continuing with distributing meals. (John Johnston was asked if he would like meals.)
- Children, Youth & Family – Sister Sarah Hausken & Jeni Skeie
  - ✓ No meeting.
- Equipping – Sister Sarah Hausken, Laurence Stratton & Eric Skeie
  - ✓ Moment of Gratitude, Will workshop on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and committee will meet to set this information workshop up.
- Missions – Sister Sarah Hausken, Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen
  - ✓ \$375.00 of \$800 was sent to GLLM
- Outreach – Sister Sarah Hausken, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
  - ✓ Faithlife sign up help is needed, working on a brochure for new Olivia residents.
- Parish Life – Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
  - ✓ Movie Night was fun outside – Move “Soul Surfer”
- Technology – Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
  - ✓ Install new audio, etc. will be the week of September 27 – training on Oct. 1st
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Elaine McDowell
  - ✓ Hymns have been selected until November 7.
  - ✓ The congregation really enjoyed the trumpet playing.
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) checked on 9/13/2021

9. Old Business

- Technology for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall – Scheduled for the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>, training on Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Update on Gaga pit: This is an Eagle Scout project for Nicholas Serbus– It is a work in progress.
- “Growing Young” Book Discussion, Chapter 5 – will be discussed, please read! – Chapter 4 (It was decided that we never discussed Chapter 4. So that’s what was focused on at this meeting.
- Resignation of Sister Sarah Hausken and how to move forward - discussion
- Resignation of Tiffany Herdina – replacement is Scott Johnson, Thank you!!
- Coffee Hour – asking people to sign up
- Collection of offering after services?? – Discussion: 2 people should count cash and bag after church. Council member and usher. 2 signatures and sealed, then put away. Alex will do October and train Daren Sagedahl.
- New picture directory? (Next spring?) Discussion
- Read “Growing Young” Chapter 5 for October 13<sup>th</sup>

10. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM (due to MEA)

Devotions: Gordy Blem

Communion helper: Eric Skeie

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# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Coffee	27 6:30 PM Library in use  Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 PM in library	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	29 3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade	30 7:07 AM Breakfast Club  8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	1 Early Childhood Screening 7:45 – 2:30 PM	2 Wedding off site
3 9:00 AM Worship - Communion  10:00 AM Coffee  10:00 AM Sunday School  3rd Grade Bible Class 11:15-12:30	4 6:30 PM Library in use  6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	5 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  3rd Grade Bible Class 6-7:15 PM	6 3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 9th Grade  8:30 PM Women's Book Club	7 7:07 AM Breakfast Club  8:15 AM Women's Bible Study  8:30 PM Outreach Mtg.	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Coffee  10:00 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Equipping Mtg.	11 6:30 PM Library in use  	12 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  5:30 PM Mission Meeting	13 3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade  7:30 PM Church Council  7:15 PM Theology on Tap	14 7:07 AM Breakfast Club  8:15 AM Women's Bible Study  3-5 PM Jesus Justice League	15 Sister Sarah's last day	16 Baby Shower 9-12 AM
17 9:00 AM Worship  Communion  10:00 AM Coffee  10:00 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Will Workshop with Pastor Keith	18 6:30 PM Library in use	19 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	20 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study  No WOW  No Confirmation	21 Craft Retreat	22 Craft Retreat	23 Craft Retreat
24 9:00 AM Worship Pastor Linda Pedersen  10:00 AM Coffee  10:00 AM Sunday School	25 6:30 PM Library in use  1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	26 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	27 3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade  7:15 PM Theology on Tap	28 7:07 AM Breakfast Club  8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	29	30  31 Halloween  