



# **The Follower 2022**

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

I was in the midst of 3-4 things in my office, when I took a moment to regroup. On my desk is a daily calendar that Sue shared with me. I noticed I am several days behind in turning and reading the days thoughts. Somehow, adding this to my 3-4 things already underway was going to help! HAHA. As I turned the pages and read each day, I stopped on January 12. The quote struck me. It said,

“Send me! Send me!”  
sounded so exciting....  
until God replied, ‘OK, I will.’”

Immediately this made me think about what God had sent me for. Am I equipped? My first summer at Green Lake, the first day bible study was about Moses and the excuses he had to NOT feel qualified for the calling God had for him. It is hard to remember that God will use us just as God made us. We are perfect for our calling. God has given us the gifts. God gave us his Son as an example, and God sends the Holy Spirit so we are not alone. Whatever God has in store for me will be exciting and God will use me no matter what.

So, again I say, “Lord, send me”.  
(Exodus 4:10-17) (Romans 12:4-8)

Sent forth In Jesus’ Name,  
Jeni Skeie

*Here I am*  
**SEND ME**  
ISAIAH 6:8

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Council & Committee Meeting Dates**

Church Council: Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Alex Gay

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

## **February Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Ava Stratton & Jessica Altmann

Sound Board/Clicker: John Morse ©

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem & Lowanda Frank

## **Offering Envelopes**



**Cross of Calvary Offering Envelopes** are here. Please, please stop at the church and pick yours up. Remember, if you give on line, there are no envelopes and requested.



## **Coffee Fellowship Servers**

Thank you to those who have been keeping the coffee hour tradition. There are open spots in the new year. Please sign up with another family to bring treats, make coffee, set up and clean up. Thank you!

Women's Bible Study will be starting a new book for Lent. We will meet on Wednesday morning at 9am. The book is by Max Lucado called "He Chose the Nails". It seemed like a good one for Lent. If there are other people interested, I would love to add an early morning or an evening time. Cost: \$15.00

Please talk to Jeni if that would work for you.



## **Volunteers needed!!**

Cross of Calvary will be hosting Scenic Valley Conference and Assembly.

They will be using the church on February 20th from 1:00-3:00 PM.

We are looking for volunteers to help with serving bars and coffee.

There will be about 70 people.

There is a sign-up sheet on "The Board:" set up, serve and clean up.

## **Moments of Gratitude**

Please contact the Equipping Committee if you have a moment of gratitude you would like to share with the congregation.

(Amanda Malvin, Darin Ditterich, Eric Skeie and Pastor Matt)

## Lutheran World Relief Sunday School Project

The Sunday school will be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on February 13. These kits are sent all over the world to aid people after natural disasters, wars and armed conflicts. We'd love your help in collecting items for these kits. Our goal is 90 kits - one for every child in Sunday school.

We will start collecting donations in January & February. We are looking for new items only, with no religious, patriotic or military symbols. The items needed are:

Lightweight bath sized dark colored towels  
(20"x40"- easy to hand wash)  
Bath sized bars of soap

Adult size toothbrushes  
Sturdy combs  
Metal nail clippers



**There is still a chance to ski this winter.** There will be a bus if enough people sign up. Friends are welcome, but payment must be in advance. (You don't have to attend both events). There is no school the following day. You must be in 7th grade - 12th grade to attend. Younger youth may attend with an adult. There will be a permission/waiver to fill out. Sign up on the youth board and pick up the waiver. The date is February 20. We will leave at: 12:30pm and return at 10:30pm. The cost is: \$50.00 for bus, lift ticket and rental (check to see if you have money in your youth account!) (FYI - If you went on your own, the cost would be \$85)

### 2022 Summer Camp

Camp early bird registration ends February \_\_\_ and saves you \$50! There is also a launch code for \$10 off and we offer scholarships to any member who attends camp - \$100! You can also use your youth account. If you need to raise more funds, there is the flower sale. Everyone who wants to attend camp will go.

There are members who want to help sponsor too, because we all know that camp will influence your life in the best way. Talk to Jeni if you are wondering what to do! All the options are at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) 2022 Summer Camp



### **February Confirmation Schedule**

February 2nd – 7&8 grade  
February 9th – 9th grade  
February 16th – 7&8 grade  
February 23rd – 9th grade

**Breakfast Club** meets every Thursday. Breakfast is served at 7:07am and devotions to follow. Head to school by 7:40 or whenever you need to go.

**Jesus Justice League** (1-3 graders) will meet on February 10th, 3:00-5:00. Karen Flom will meet you at the doors by the preschool playground to walk to church. Come for some fun, food, and learning!

**WOW** (4-6 graders) will meet on February 9, 16 and 23 from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible! **NO WOW on February 2nd**

Senior High - there are lots of camp options for you too. Check it out at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org)!



**DAY CAMP** is where Camp comes to YOU! It will be at Cross of Calvary June 27-30 from 1-5pm each day. It is for youth who have finished Kindergarten - 6th grade. Cost is \$40 with a \$100 cap for families.



**Youth group night** games for 7-12 grade game night - Wednesday, February 23 from 7:00-8:30pm.

**Camp House** offers a week of camp for confirmation age youth (finished 7-9). I have reserved 8 spots for June 12-16. Talk to me - Jeni - if you are interested. Talk to Cree Garcia, who attended last year, if you have questions too. Check it out at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org).



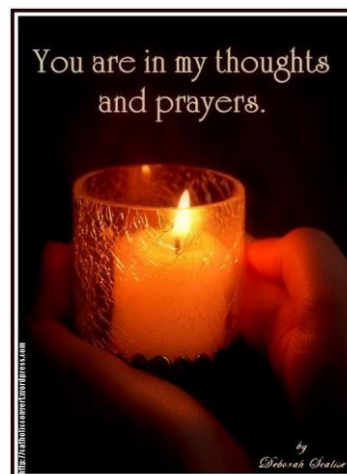
There will be a flower sale this spring.  
Stayed tuned for details.

## Prayers for Healing and Strength

Pat Alderks – Family & Friends  
Mark Grasmon – Family & Friends  
Gloria Franzen – Friends & Family  
Ric Alderks – Friends & Family  
Rick Alton – Sharon & Richard Alton's son  
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends  
Jerry Senkyr – Carol Senkyr  
Arlene Whemann – Carol Senkyr  
Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister  
Rita Wohler – Pam Olson's sister  
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends

Trevor Solem –  
Friends and Family  
Chet Boen – Family &  
Friends  
Tim & Emily Merten  
family – Angela Cole

Lesley Sagedahl-  
Sagedahl Family





### **This February we pray.....**

1. As we look forward to the extra minutes of light you give us this month, please, help us to be your light in our community and in the world.
2. As COVID continues to be a presence in our lives, we pray for healthcare workers who continue to care for the sick. And we pray for the health of those in our community and our schools.
3. For those who suffer loneliness. Help us to reach out to them and show your love.
4. Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear.
5. Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of our Earth.
6. We pray for those who are struggling with their mental health.
7. Forgive me, God, for being so immersed in my own life that I neglect to give others a helping hand.
8. I thank You for all those who are a positive influence in my life.
9. On this Wednesday, we pray for our confirmation students and their teachers.
10. Today we pray for our youngest students who are attending Jesus Justice League. Help them to grow in their faith and in their relationships with their church family.
11. Oh Lord, I ask for your wisdom and courage.
12. We pray for those who are ill, especially those on our Cross of Calvary weekly Prayer list.
13. Today as we unite in watching the Super Bowl game, help us to remember that we are one nation, united by more than what divides us.
14. Today we celebrate those we love and we mourn with those who have lost a partner this past year.
15. Dear Lord, help me to be always conscious of what I stand for as a Child of God.
16. We pray for those struggling with their faith.
17. Today I pray for fresh motivation to follow your will and your ways.
18. We pray for the parents in our church and community as they raise children in an uncertain world.
19. We pray that the members of our church as they go about their daily lives.
20. As we gather to worship, in person and remotely, we thank you for our church staff who provide us with meaningful worship services for all ages.
21. On this President's Day, we pray for all our elected leaders. Please instill in them the wisdom and courage to lead during difficult times.
22. We pray for the safety of those who must work outdoors in our cold winter climate.
23. We pray for those struggling financially and especially for those facing homelessness.
24. Draw me near to you Lord Jesus.
25. That we will take the time to be quiet and listen for your voice
26. For those who are searching whether for jobs, relationships or guidance.
27. For those who struggle with addiction. We know the long cold winter can be difficult. Help us to give those around us encouragement.
28. Help us prepare for our Lenten journey that we may focus on our faith and your love for us.



# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting

### Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 at 7:00 PM



#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

#### 2022

Eric Skeie	2022AB
Elaine McDowell	2022AB
Gordon Blem	2022*
Nathan Cole	2022AB
Sam Welchance	Youth AB

#### 2023

Sandra Gay	2023
Jeff Keltgen	2023
Jena Bruns	2023resign
Jill Hanson	2023*

#### 2024

Alex Gay	2024*
Laurence Stratton	2024* resign
Robert Erickson	2024AB
Scott Johnson	2024

#### STAFF

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

#### Minutes

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

1. Devotions – Gordy Blem
2. Approve minutes of the *December meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *December meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy Blem, seconded by Jill Hanson, motion passed.
  - Pay: SWMN Synod \$4000.00 and LSS \$608.00 to meet 2021 obligations. A motion was made to pay the two missions was made by Gordy Blem and seconded by Jill Hanson.
4. Pastor's Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation
    - Theology on Tap will be reading the book “The Road Back to You”. Confirmation will be using the topic: “How to Pray”. February 20<sup>th</sup>. Cross of Calvary will be hosting a workshop from 12-5 PM.
5. Parish Ministers Reports – printed copy
  - Office Report (Sue) – none, the church ordered a Blood Pressure cuff and Pulse oximeter device. They are located in the church office for now.
6. Maintenance Update (Craig) - none
7. Committee Reports – submitted in the Annual meeting booklet.
  - Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson: discussion about having more than one service in the future.
  - Care Team – Jena Bruns & Jeni Skeie
  - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie
  - Equipping –Pastor Matt, Laurence Stratton & Eric Skeie
  - Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen
  - Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
  - Parish Life – Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
  - Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken

- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Elaine McDowell  
- looking for Special Music for all worship services.
  - AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) January
8. Old Business
- Snow Removal? Still looking for a consistent person to take on this project.
9. New Business
- Committee Reports due – all have been handed in
  - Read “Growing Young” Chapter 7 – Involvement in the community, being a good neighbor through church and just being a neighbor.
  - Giving Statements will be mailed at the end of the month.
  - Soup Supper – table until next month
  - Persons to take care of money at end each church service?? (Assign?)
    - Alex and Sue will type up directions on how to collect money.
    - Ham Dinner will be drive thru on April 24th
10. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Devotions: Alex Gay

Communion helper: Alex Gay

There will be a short meeting directly after the Annual Meeting with new council members.

Note: Council members that will be done at the 2022 Annual Meeting

1. Gordy Blem – cannot run again: HUGE thank you to Gordy Blem from the church council for his wonderful service to Cross of Calgary!
2. Nate Cole
3. Eric Skeie
4. Elaine McDowell
5. Laurence Stratton (resigned, effective immediately)
6. Jena Bruns (resigned, effective immediately)

# February 2022

## Cross of Calvary Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 NO – Women's Bible Study  NO WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 Coffee Hour  10:00 AM Sunday School	7 6:30 PM Library in use  6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	8 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	9 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  3-3 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 9th Grade  7:30 PM Theology on Tap	10 7:07 AM Breakfast Club  Quilters start  3-5 PM Jesus Justice League	11	12 Baptism at 1:00
13 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Coffee Hour  10:00 Sunday School (LSS Project items due)	14 6:30 PM Library in use  	15 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	16 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade  7:30 PM Church Council	17 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Communion  10:00 AM Coffee Hour  10:00 AM Sunday School  Ski Day – leave at 12:30 PM  Fellowship Hall in use from 12-5 PM	21 6:30 PM Library in use	22 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	23 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade  9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study  7:00-8:30 Night Games	24 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Coffee Hour  10:00 AM Sunday School	28 6:30 PM Library in use  1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study  Library used from 7:00-8:00 PM	1 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	2 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  3-5 PM WOW  6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade  	3 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	4	5 Baptism 10:00



