



# The Follower 2022

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

We have often talked about going on a journey during the season of Lent. This imagery is helpful but for us this Lent we will be focusing on “place” and where God shows up in places. We will highlight areas where God shows up in scripture and places that God shows up in our lives. The hope is that we enhance our perception of where God is showing up in our lives. We will be lifting us those places or during our Sunday morning worship and our Wednesday evening midweek worship. We will also have a daily devotional available for each of you. Each daily lesson focuses on a place in the Holy Land and a discipleship idea.

We will be using a series developed by Barn Geese Collective. They are a group of ELCA pastors from around the country that meet at a Bible Camp to work on sermons and worship services. Lent is a time to “return to the Lord our God” to enhance our relationship with God by focusing on how he shows up in the places and is present in the places that we are. I believe we will truly deepen that relationship through these practices. So, I invite you to show up as you are and where you are and be prepared to meet this God who has chosen you, called you, loves you, and redeems you. As you stand in the presence of God, you cannot help but be transformed.

We begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd with worship at noon and at 7 PM. But if you want to get a Headstart our warm-up starts on February 27 at the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus, three disciples, Moses, and Elijah. We will have our Transfiguration Sunday worship at the usual time— 9 am. Join us in person or online! Blessings to you this season of Lent. May this season be filled with God meeting you where you are and you noticing it.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022  
after Lenten service

Devotions & Communion: Nathan Cole

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

## March Worship Assistants

Ushers: Curt Sather, Eric Skeie, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Kaden Bahl & Derrick Bahl

Sound Board/Clicker: Aiden Grund

Communion Helper: Nathan Cole

Altar Guild: DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbi Kopel



## **Dear members of Cross of Calvary,**

Coffee hour has gone without sign-ups for a couple weeks. We have put together an online sign up to make it easier for you.

Also, if you would be willing to make something, but not able to serve, please sign up and put it in the comment that you will leave the treats at church or in the church freezer.

This is very much appreciated!!!

Here is the link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548A5AF28A3F85-cross>

Peace to you,

Jeni Skeie

## Women's Bible Study

**NEW BOOK:** Women's Bible Study will be starting a new book for Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2. We will meet on Wednesday morning at 9-10:30am. The book is by Max Lucado called "He Chose the Nails". If weekday mornings don't work, I would love to add an early morning or an evening time. Please talk to Jeni if you would like to see another time started.

Cost: \$15.00 for the book.



## 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)

## **Prayers for ...**

Scott Metter – Family

Angela Metter – Family

Carol Hormann – Friends & Family

Paula Sing – Lynnette Blem

Lyn Tesch – Family & Friends

Pat Aalderks – Family & Friends

Gloria Franzen – Friends & Family

Ric Aalderks – 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

Pat Mahrer – Pam Olson's brother

Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends

Trevor Solem – Friends and Family

Chet Boen – Family & Friends

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

# 2022 SPRING FLOWER SALES



With more changes...because...well...everything is changing.  
The biggest change is all ordering will be done ONLINE

*An email will be sent to all families with pictures and pricing!*

To ORDER log on to:

[www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)

STORE ID: 338

Please remember to note the youth you are buying from in order for them to receive the profits

**ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**

The online store will be shut down on this date

**FLOWER PICKUP**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am – 6:00pm

*We encourage sellers to pick up all of their orders to distribute*

**All flowers must be pre-ordered ONLINE**

**No more filling out forms, collecting money or turning anything in!!!!**

*There will not be any extra flowers available for purchase*

## Committee Members Contact Information:

Amanda Malvin	(320) 579-1515	<u><a href="mailto:bamalvin@msn.com">bamalvin@msn.com</a></u>
Bobbi Kopel	(320) 522-1163	<u><a href="mailto:bobbiloowho@hotmail.com">bobbiloowho@hotmail.com</a></u>
Tara Amberg	(320) 444-0129	<u><a href="mailto:tamberg@rccbi.com">tamberg@rccbi.com</a></u>

*All proceeds from their individual sales will go into your family youth account.  
This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like ski trips, bible camp, and youth gatherings!*



## **Senior High Youth Gathering**

April 1- 2 at Luther Crest in Alexandria  
9-12 Graders (We have 5 members currently on the board!)  
Leave 5pm Friday -Return 7pm Saturday  
Cost is \$85 for members. \$110 for friends  
You can use your family account dollars.

Sign up by March 13

Information and registration forms are on the table in the back of church  
There are also forms for being a small group leader or  
running for the LYO board

We started 7-12 grade game nights in December, and have met once each month on the last Wednesday. We have had great turn outs for fun at church! So we will continue on March 30, 7:30-8:30, after Lenten worship.

Sister Sarah teaches a 7-12 grade class during Sunday school each week in the youth room. Check it out! Right now they are doing science and faith. Be there Sunday at 10am.

We did a ski day in January and another in February together with area churches and had a great time. The group rate is such a good deal! Hope to do more next year.

Breakfast Club is every week on Thursday, 7:07am with breakfast and devotions. 9th graders are invited to join 10-12 graders starting on April 7th!!!

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



## **Sunday school**

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful response for donations to the Sunday school service project - Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We put together 132 kits. The kids learned something about other places in the world where water isn't always available or clean, and personal cleanliness can help stop the spread of disease. The items in the care kits can help people somewhere in the world. They put their faith in action by assembling the personal care kits!!!



# 2022 SUMMER CAMP

Have you registered for summer camp yet? There are member scholarships from the men's group and from the youth group to help pay the costs. There is also a launch code for \$10 off. You can any funds from 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.



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).

Talk to Jeni if you are wondering what to do! All the options are at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) 2022 Summer Camp



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

## March Confirmation Schedule

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday service at noon or 7:00 PM

(All confirmation students must attend)

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Class at 6:30 PM & Lenten service at 7:00 PM

## Jesus Justice League: March 10th

(1-3 graders) Karen Flom will meet you at the doors by the preschool playground to walk to church. Come for some fun, food, and learning!

**New dates: Thursdays, April 7th and May 5th**

**WOW** (4-6 graders) will meet on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible!



## Cross of Calvary Soup Suppers

Wednesdays:

March 2nd thru April 6th

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Free will donations!

**All are Welcome!!**



**In March 2022 we pray.....**

1. For the people of the Ukraine and all those living under the threat of violence.
2. On this Ash Wednesday, may we observe a Lenten Season filled with self-examination, prayer, practicing works of love and reading and reflecting your Word.
3. We pray for staff of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service that they may continue to have the resources to do your work around the world
4. We pray for all those who need your healing hand, and for their caregivers, especially those on our weekly prayer list.
5. Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and in trying to bring help and happiness to others.
6. For our congregation as we gather in worship both in person and remotely. May we share your love with each other and our communities?
7. We pray for those who grieve that they may find comfort in your loving arms.
8. Today I pray that you move me away from distractions, diversions and temptations.
9. For those struggling with depression and any other form of mental illness
10. For mentors in the faith. Especially those who are present in the lives of our confirmation students, WOW, JIL and Sunday School students.
11. That even through our differences are many, we are able to unite in our faith and work together to serve our neighbors.
12. We pray for those struggling with food insecurity and hunger. Help us to serve you by serving them through the local food shelf, LSS or any other means available.
13. Lord, we ask for your wisdom and courage.
14. We thank you for children who bring joy to our world.
15. We pray for our church staff that they feel our love and appreciation.
16. For those who have experienced betrayal in their lives.
17. We pray that we may take time and hear your voice.
18. Lord help me to show kindness even when feeling frustration and impatience.
19. We pray for those struggling financially. We pray especially for those who are homeless or facing homelessness.
20. As spring begins, we thank you for the promise of new life.
21. We pray for those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group homes.
22. Lord lead me to the cross and let me contemplate the amazing sacrifice of Jesus.
23. We pray that those who are afraid will put their trust in you.
24. That God may continue to show us He is guiding us in our lives and relationships.
25. We pray for those suffering from addiction of any kind.
26. We pray for parents in our community as they raise children in an uncertain world.
27. For those facing loneliness, help us to reach out to them.
28. We thank you for the beauty of our earth and pray for those preparing for the upcoming growing season.
29. Dear Lord, help me to always be conscious of what I stand for as a Child of God.
30. I thank you Lord for those who have had and continue to have a positive influence on my life.
31. As another month ends, we thank you for our many blessings.

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 PM**



**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**2023**

Sandra Gay    2023  
Jeff Keltgen    2023  
Stacey Larson    2023  
Jill Hanson    2023\*  
Sam Welchance    Youth: AB

**2024**

Alex Gay    2024\*  
Kathy Reese    2024  
Robert Erickson    2024  
Scott Johnson    2024

**2025**

Elaine McDowell    2025\*AB  
Nathan Cole    2025\*  
Trent Athmann    2025  
Keith Larson    2025

**STAFF**

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

President: Nathan Cole  
Vice President: Keith Larson  
Treasurer: Alex Gay

**AGENDA**

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

1. Devotions – Alex Gay
2. Approve minutes of the *January meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *January meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Bob Erickson, seconded by Stacey Larson, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation
  - Getting prepared for the Lenten season. Theme: Here You Are"
  - All Bible studies are doing well and visits are also great!
  - Premarital classes have been busy.
  - Three baptisms in January and many scheduled for the upcoming months.
5. Parish Minister Report – hand out
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
  - Toilets have been looked at by Northern Heating and Plumbing, fixed and time donated by Greg & Kathy Helin. Thank you!
  - A new board or walk way will be put in on the east side of the church.

**Committee Reports**

- Administration – Alex Gay, Trent Athmann, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson
  - Looking at the window in the front of the church, we are not sure they are stained? Bob Erickson is looking to this issue.
- Care Team –Jeni Skeie & \_\_\_\_\_
- Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson: Didn't meet
- Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
  - Thank you to Katie Bahl for your presentation (World Religion) and also thank you to Pastor Matt on his series.
- Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen
  - List was submitted for payment by Betsy Hennen.

- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
  - This committee will be meeting on 2/17/2022
- Parish Life – Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
  - Didn't meet
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken: Didn't meet
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Kathy Reese
  - This committee will be meeting at a later date.

### **Old Business**

- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 02/16/2022
- Soup Supper –There will be soup suppers during lent. (5:30 – 6:30 PM)
  - A sign-up sheet has been posted. If you or your family would like to help please talk to Jeni Skeie.

### **New Business**

- Sign up for Communion & Devotion duties – completed.
- Trail Report - update given to the council.
- Walk way – looking for metal sheet in shed, otherwise material will be purchased.
- Employee Retention Credit (ERC) – Council has choice to move forward.
- Hosting: SW MN Synod Conference, looking for volunteers for bars and set up. Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM
- Lent calendar has been sent out to members, through announcements.  
(Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Adjourn – Closing Prayer**

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Lenten service

Devotions: Nathan Cole

Communion helper: Nathan Cole

## **2022 Lenten Season calendar**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday

(Services at noon & 7:00 PM)

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday service at 9:00 AM

Morning Matins - April 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM


April 14<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday at noon & Seder Meal at 7:00 PM

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday at 7:00 PM

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Services at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM



# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>6:30 &amp; 7:00 AM</b> <b>Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 Women's Bible Study</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM WOW</b> <hr/> <b>5:30-6:30 PM Soup Supper</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <hr/> <b>Noon &amp; 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:00AM Baptism</b>  <b>2:00 PM Baptism</b>
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship</b> <hr/> <b>Communion</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 Coffee Hour</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM Sunday School</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 PM Library in use</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 &amp; 7:00 AM</b> <b>Men's Bible Study</b> <hr/> <b>5:30 PM Mission Meeting</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 Women's Bible Study</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM WOW</b> <hr/> <b>5:30-6:30 PM Soup Supper</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <hr/> <b>7:00 PM Lenten Service</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:07 AM Breakfast Club</b> <hr/> <b>Quilters</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM Jesus Justice League</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship</b> <b>No Communion</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM Coffee Hour</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 Sunday School</b> <hr/> <b>Deadline to sign up for Sr. High youth gathering</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM Library in use</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 &amp; 7:00 AM</b> <b>Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 Women's Bible Study</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM WOW</b> <hr/> <b>5:30-6:30 PM Soup Supper</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <hr/> <b>7:00 PM Lenten Service</b> <hr/> <b>Church Council – after Lenten service</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:07 AM Breakfast Club</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>

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<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Communion</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <hr/> <b>Baptism –</b> <b>during service</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Library in use</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 &amp; 7:00</b> <b>AM</b> <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 Women's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM WOW</b> <hr/> <b>4:00 – 4:30 PM</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class</b> <hr/> <b>5:30-6:30 PM Soup</b> <b>Supper</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <hr/> <b>9:30 AM Dorcas Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <hr/> <b>7:00 PM Lenten</b> <b>Service</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:07 AM</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Club</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:45 –</b> <b>2:30 Early</b> <b>Childhood</b> <b>Screening</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Communion</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <hr/> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Library in use</b> <hr/> <b>1:30 PM Ruth</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 &amp; 7:00</b> <b>AM</b> <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 Women's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <hr/> <b>3-5 PM WOW</b> <hr/> <b>4:00 – 4:30 PM</b> <b>1st Communion Class</b> <hr/> <b>5:30-6:30 PM Soup</b> <b>Supper</b> <hr/> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <hr/> <b>7:00 PM Lenten</b> <b>Service</b> <hr/> <b>Game Night after</b> <b>service</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:07 AM</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Club</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>