



# The Follower 2022

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

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This past month we have served soup suppers in the fellowship hall on Wednesday nights before the Lenten worship. It was delightful to have the kitchen full and people eating and talking together after so long. I had forgotten how working in the kitchen with so many people can get a little crowded and though joyous to be with people, hard to get things done as we all work around each other. It made me think about a quote.

From Psalm 25:4 - "Make me to know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths." And then our added prayer, "and help me to get out of your way!" With all that is happening in our world and our community, I pray that we turn to God's word for direction.

I pray that we are led by the Spirit to comfort others and go out of our way to seek the needs of those who are hurting. Let us ask God how we can "get out of the way" and serve our neighbors in the same way Jesus served.

Grace & Peace,

Jeni



# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Parish Life presents Dinner and a movie Night the evening of palm Sunday, April 10. The meal will begin at 5PM in the fellowship hall. The movie will be the "The Passion of Christ". Warning: it is a very graphic depiction, but also very powerful.

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## **Council & Committee Meeting Dates**

Church Council: Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Keith Larson

Mission: Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30 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

## **April Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Nate Cole, Daren Sagedahl, Dave Altmann

Acolytes: John Morse & Carson Howe

Sound Board/Clicker: Ava Stratton

Communion Helper: Keith Larson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson, Tara Amberg

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## **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



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## **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.





## **2022 Lenten Season calendar**

April 6th – Lenten service at 7:00 PM

April 10th – Palm Sunday service at 9:00 AM

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

April 14th – Maundy Thursday at noon & Seder Meal  
at 7:00 PM

April 15th – Good Friday at 7:00 PM

Station of the Cross: 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

April 17th – Easter Sunday Services at  
6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

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## **Prayers for ...**

Family of Lesley Sagedahl  
Ken Ziesmer – Family & Friends  
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends  
Hadlea O'Halloran – Carol Senkyr  
Marlene Bratsch – Friends & Family  
Clifford Metteer - Family  
Jon Hackman Family  
Scott Metteer – Family  
Angela Metteer – Family  
Carol Horrmann – 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  
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



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### **Renville County Food Shelf**

The food shelf is looking for volunteers.

Please call for more information on  
volunteering.  
320-523-5339

Spring flower sale orders are due April 7 and pick up will be  
May 4th, from 9am-6pm.

## 2022 SPRING FLOWER SALES



With more changes...because...well...everything is changing.

The biggest change is all ordering will be done ONLINE

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!*



Quilts for Seniors: The quilters at Cross of Calvary have made quilts for each of our 16 seniors. We will meet April 24, 7-8:30pm to choose quilts, share a meal and plan the senior recognition service. Senior Recognition will be May 22 at 9am.

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.

Breakfast Club invites the 9th graders to start joining beginning April 7 at 7:00 am - 7:40am. Breakfast and devotions at Cross of Calvary.

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

## 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 use 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).

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**DAY CAMP** with GLLM will be June 27-30. It is for youth who have finished K-6th grade. Cost is \$40 with \$100 cap for families. Sign up at the google sign up on our website.

<https://forms.gle/t3tu1rDFZgeY35J76>



## **April Confirmation Schedule**

April 6<sup>th</sup>-6:00 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)

April 13<sup>th</sup>-- This is Holy Week you are required to go to three of the nine services between Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Morning Matins (5), and Easter Sunday.

No Classes during Holy Week – Services times listed on back

April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Seder Meal

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Easter

April 20<sup>th</sup> 7/8 Grades Class

April 27<sup>th</sup> 9th Grade Class

### **Jesus Justice League**

(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 7<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**There is NO WOW on April 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be first communion class only (5th graders). We will be making our communion bread and decorating our goblets. We will have a snack at 3:10 and free time/game time until 4:00.**

**Bread baking and goblets from 4-5pm**

**WOW** (4-6 graders) will meet on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible!

## **SPRING FEVER YOUTH RETREAT**

April 30, Saturday

Grades 2-6

Green Lake Bible Camp

Fee: \$50

Are you getting the itch for summer? This is the retreat for you! Come join us in a day full of Bible Studies, games, arts and crafts, worships, campfires and more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Sign up today and get ready for some fun! The registration deadline is April 22!

Last day of Sunday school is May 15. Sunday school children will sing for worship at 9:00 on May 15. Please have them meet in the fellowship hall at 8:40 to practice.



## In April 2022, Lord we pray.....

1. For our community and those who are grieving the recent loss of a child. For all our children that they will be safe in their homes. Please help us to help those who need help and support.
2. Thank you for longer days and the promise of spring and new life.
3. For blessings on those who are worshipping, whether in person or in their homes.
4. For those who are fighting illness. We pray especially for those on our C of C Prayer List.
5. For our High School and college students who are undecided about their future. Help them to listen for your voice and the voices of trusted adults and mentors.
6. That as our students face upcoming standardized tests, they will be able to focus and do their best but feel supported and be free from anxiety.
7. Today I pray that you move me away from distractions and temptations.
8. For unity...for our country, our community and in our relationships. May we find common goals and through them glorify You.
9. For those struggling financially. May they find hope and help.
10. That on this Palm Sunday, please guide my mind with your truth. Help me to be with Jesus this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me.
11. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you. Help me to remember that Jesus died so that I would no longer be separated from you.
12. Lord, help me be able to bring my weaknesses and imperfections with me as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of his love.
13. Lord, help me to be humble and accepting like your son Jesus.
14. As I come before you, may I recommit my heart to serving you and leading through love.
15. God, we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross and his sacrifice for us.
16. I await you, Jesus. Be risen anew in my heart as the light of Easter dawns tomorrow.
17. He has Risen, He has Risen Indeed. Thank you Oh Lord, for clearing away the darkness. Your resurrection has washed away our sins and brought us joy and light.
18. For safety, for those who have traveled to be with family that they may find themselves safely home renewed by the Resurrection of our Lord and the love of family.
19. That we will be renewed to share your love with those in Assisted Living, Long Term Care and Group Homes.
20. Thank you for the gifts of spring. The budding trees, the first flowers and your hope.
21. For safety for workers. With the promise of spring, we can become distracted. Please keep our friends and neighbors safe and free from distractions.
22. For those who struggle with addiction. Help them to find strength and hope in You.
23. We thank you for leaders in our lives and in our communities. Those who are seeking ways to improve lives and remove barriers to success.
24. Blessings to those in our community who work to help provide nourishment to those in need.
25. For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and relationships. May they feel your loving arms around them.
26. For those who are looking for direction in their lives. For those seeking jobs, career changes, moves or any other life changing event. May they hear your voice.
27. Thank you for the caregivers in our midst. The parents, the teachers, those who care for the ill and the elderly.
28. As we are nearing the end of the year for the young people in our church, we thank you for mentors in the faith and for the opportunities they provide our children to grow their faith.
29. We thank you for our church staff and all that they do for our faith community. Please help us to be aware of their needs and to treat them with grace.
30. We thank you for the many blessings we've received this month. May we use them to bless others.

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 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

## **Minutes**

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

1. Devotions – Nathan Cole
2. Approve minutes of the *February meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Kathy Reese, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *February meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Stacey Larson, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
  - Noisy offering will go into general funds.
  - Designated funds LSS & Food Shelf will be closed. The money already comes from Mission and Budgeted money for LSS.
4. Pastor's Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation
    - Confirmation students have been attending Lenten services as part of Confirmation requirements. The topics that are discussed at confirmation have been based on the services area of worship. (what we do and why)
    - Visits are continuing.
5. Parish Ministers Reports - handout
6. Office Report (Sue)
  - Question about updating Church Windows: last time updated was 2016, to update it would cost \$299.00 and? Hours of support.
  - For the record, I don't like Faithlife record keeping.
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
  - No report, all is going good.
8. Committee Reports



- Administration – Alex Gay, Trent Athmann, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson: Hosted Soup Supper with money going to Youth Camp scholarships. Bob Erickson and Jeff Keltgen will polyurethane the windows in the front of the Sanctuary.
- Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson: continuing to distribute food to those in need.
- Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell: did not meet.
- Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson: did not meet
- Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen: all donation have been paid
- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson: will be meeting on 3/24/2022
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie: Movie & Meal night on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Quilts will be given to seniors, with Senior Recognition on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes have started for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken: Church Windows will be updated.
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Kathy Reese: music has been set through May
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 3/17/2022

## 9. Old Business

## 10. New Business

- Big thanks to Bernard Johnson and Wayne Olson for coming up with the improvements and enhancements to the church property. The big tree along the highway was trimmed up and the brush cleaned in that area. Stumps will be ground out when weather permits.

## 11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn by Bob Erickson and seconded by Jill Hanson

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

April Devotions – Keith Larson

April Communion – Keith Larson

# Important news for Sunday school!!

**Sunday school pick up** on April 24 - please pick up on the west side of the church only. The ham dinner drive thru begins at 11am and people will be driving in and around the church for their pick-ups. Plan to come early if you want to place an order for drive thru.


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*Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church of Olivia*

**Drive-up\***

**BAKED HAM DINNER**

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  11:00 am-1:00 pm

Menu

*Baked Ham w/Raisin & Cherry Sauce – Cheesy Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots - Cole Slaw – Bun - Dessert*

**Tickets \$15.00**

*\*Enter on the east side of the church parking lot and follow the signs. Tickets available on day of dinner. Cash accepted or checks written to Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church. We will serve until we run out. Ticket donations go toward building improvements & youth. Hope to see you there!*

HELLO  
SPRING