



The Follower 2022

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
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They say that April showers bring May flowers. But I'm hoping that in the case of this year April wind and April snow will bring May flowers in abundance. In Minnesota we live in a state that we pride ourselves in making it through long cold winters. We know that at the end of winter a beautiful spring awaits us no matter how long it takes. We know that spring and summer are coming and spring and summer memories are what get us through some of the longest, coldest days of our winter. How do we know this for a fact? We have experienced it time after time after time.

We are in a season of celebration in our church year. We celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. So, we can say along with St. Paul that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Christ has experienced and overcome every aspect of the human condition. So, we can live life fully in this victory that he has won for us.

How do we know this? We experience it. But, oftentimes we aren't looking for it. So, we miss it or pass off a situation as coincidence or luck. But, if we learn to see those everyday events that fill us with hope as signs of what they are, God's work in the world, we start to notice signs of the resurrection all around us. It can be as simple as a conversation that lifts your spirits, a smile on a baby's face, a jaw dropping sunrise. Whatever it might be stop and give thanks and realize that God is at work breathing new life into everything.

Don't stop at simply noticing! Share those moments with others. Give them the eyes to see signs of their God at work in their lives. May we learn to see and take heart in a God who has overcome all for our sakes and may we share this good news with everyone!

Blessings for a wonderful (and warmer) month of May to all of you!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Jeff Keltgen

Mission: Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 PM

Worship: Wednesday, May 11th 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

May Worship Assistants

Ushers: help needed

Acolytes: Maddy Cole & Preston Stuhl

Sound Board/Clicker: ??+

Communion Helper: Jeff Keltgen

Altar Guild: Karen Vanderhagen, Sandy Padrnos, Kaylee Hammerschmidt, Laura Julson

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

Women's Bible Study will be using 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.



Prayers for ...

Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Ken Ziesmer – Family & Friends
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends
Hadlea O'Halloran – Carol Senkyr
Marlene Bratsch – Friends & Family
Clifford Metteer - Family
Jon Hackman 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
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends
Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends
Trevor Solem – Friends and Family
Chet Boen – Family & Friends
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole



2022 Spring Flower Sales

FLOWER PICKUP
WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH
9:00 am – 6:00pm

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



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
Last day of Breakfast club is May 19th

Senior High - there are lots of camp options for you too. Check it out at gllm.org!



Senior Recognition Sunday will be
May 22nd at 9:00 am.

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 2022 Summer Camp.

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

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.

Talk to Jeni if you are wondering what to do! All the options are at gllm.org 2022 Summer Camp



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>

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!

Date: May 5th from 3-5 PM

WOW (4-6 graders) will meet on May 4th, 11th and 18th from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible!

Last WOW Day is May 18th



In May we pray.....

1. Lord, may I be alive to the beauty of your creation and to the beauty of the changing seasons.
2. We pray for our High School and College seniors as they enter the next stages of life. Be with them and guide them.
3. We pray for and thank you for all caregivers.
4. We thank you for those mentors in the faith in our church. For those who guide our confirmation, WOW and JJL students as they grow in their faith.
5. We thank you for diversity, and that you have introduced us to the traditions of others.
6. We pray for those doing seasonal jobs. We pray that they may be safe as they do the work you have called them to do.
7. We pray for those individuals and their families struggling with addiction. May today be a day of life-altering change.
8. We thank you for mothers and mother figures in our lives.
9. Lord, help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear.
10. We pray for our friends and neighbors who are dealing with illness, especially those on our church prayer list.
11. We pray for those who reside in group homes, assisted living and long-term care. Please guide us to help meet their needs.
12. We thank you for the gift of life and for babies in our church, community and families. We pray for their parents, and caregivers.
13. Lord, continue to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and then turn me loose on Your purposes.
14. We pray for unity. In our world, our country, our community and our relationships.
15. We give thanks for our Sunday School students as they praise you in song today at Worship.
16. We pray for those who grieve. May they feel your loving arms around them.
17. Lord, help me to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
18. We pray for young parents as they plan for summer care and activities for their children.
19. We pray for those who suffer loneliness. Help us to reach out to them and show them Your love.
20. Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and in showing Your loves to others.
21. Lord, we thank you that all things are possible for one who believes in You.
22. Today we celebrate our Cross of Calvary High School Seniors. Bless them Lord.
23. We thank you for our church leaders, the staff and the Council and all others who minister to us.
24. Father, I pray that I may show my faith by the good works I do, not as a means to be saved but as evidence that You are indeed at work in my life.
25. Lord, I thank You, for whenever I feel tired or heavy laden, I can find rest four in You.
26. Our summers can be blissful, but they can also be savage. We pray for those suffering from natural disasters.
27. We pray that those who are afraid can put their trust in You as they face life's obstacles.
28. Whether our families enjoy a staycation, a weekend of camping or a longer vacation, help their time of rest and renewal build relationships and memories.
29. We pray for families who struggle financially and with food insecurity during the summer months. Remind us to share our bounty with them.
30. On this Memorial Day, we honor those men and women who have laid down their lives for their country. Loving Lord, bless them forever in Your eternal peace.
31. Lord as the school year comes to a close, we thank you for teachers.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Communion Baptism <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School	2 6:30 PM Library in use <hr/> 6-7 PM meeting for Scouts	3 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	4 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 3-5 PM WOW <hr/> Flower Pick up \9-6	5 7:07 AM Breakfast Club <hr/> 3-5 PM Jesus Justice League 	6	7 Wedding off-site
8 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School 	9 6:30 PM Library in use	10 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <hr/> Mission Mtg. at 5:30 PM	11 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 3-5 PM WOW <hr/> Worship Mtg.	12 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	13	14 Wedding
15 9:00 AM Worship Communion <hr/> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School (Last Day)	16 6:30 PM Library in use	17 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	18 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 3-5 PM WOW (last) <hr/> 7:30 PM Church Council	19 7:07 AM Breakfast Club (last)	20	21 Welchance Graduation party 2-5
22 9:00 AM Worship Senior Recognition Sunday	23 6:30 PM Library in use <hr/> 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	24 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	25 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour	30 6:30 PM Library in use 	31 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	1 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	2	3 Set up for party	4 Larson Graduation party

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at 7:30 PM**



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

2023

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

2024

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

2025

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

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken
Sue Altmann, Recorder

Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister AB
Craig Boen, Janitor AB

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

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Keith Larson
2. Approve minutes of the *March meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Scott Johnson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report –*March meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by _____, seconded by _____, motion passed. No report at the time of the meeting.
4. Pastor’s Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation: Holy Week was wonderful. Thank you to all who helped. Confirmation will be finished at the end of April. We are preparing for Senior Recognition Sunday.
5. Parish Ministers Report: Everything is going fine. We are finishing up programs for the year. We are preparing for the summer camps and programs.
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
 - No report, all is going good.
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration – Alex Gay, Trent Athmann, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson No meeting, still looking into the Water fountain being replaced.
 - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson A \$100 B&D Gift card was given to a member who makes care meals for the members. Money will be spent on food.
 - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie &Elaine McDowell – No meeting
 - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson – No meeting
 - Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen - \$1000.00 to World Relief Kitchen
 - Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson – Hosted a Soup Supper
 - Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie – Movie & Meal night, this was a great event and plan on doing more activities in the future.
 - Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken – No meeting
 - Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson &Kathy Reese – Will meet in May to plan for the summer.
 - AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 4/19/2022
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - Dedication for the sound system, plan for October 2nd.
 - Senior Recognition Sunday, May 22nd
 - Last Day of Sunday school, May 15th
10. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: May 18th at 7:30 PM
May Devotions – Jeff Keltgen
May Communion – Jeff Keltgen