



The Follower 2022

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W. Chestnut Ave.
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On Sunday, our Praise Band sang a song called "Shine" by Collective Soul. I found myself really thinking about the words. We also recognized our high school seniors that day. The words of the song made me think about the seniors and the questions they may ask as they finish high school and look forward to moving on as adults. The words, "Give me a word, give me a sign, show me where to look, tell me, what will I find? Will love be there? Heaven let your light shine down. I'm gonna let it shine. Heaven's little light gonna shine on me."

These words sound like a prayer searching for God and God's love in the world. A prayer for heaven to shine its light down on each of us, then in turn to shine through us. I think we all are searching for places to see God's Love, in light of so many tragedies in our world.

I was in 4-H growing up, and we did service to the community. There is a fulfillment that is unmatched when you change someone's day or circumstances, or put a smile on someone's face. This is the light of God in our world.

Here are just a few ways I have seen God's light & love shown lately. Our Sunday school youth raised \$980.62 through their weekly offerings to donate to a couple projects. \$230.62 went toward completing 130 personal care kits that were given to Lutheran World Relief for Ukrainian families. \$750.00 was used to buy 5 latrines (voted on by the kids) through ELCA Good Gifts.

There is a woman in our congregation who fills the freezer at church with meals for those in need.

We have members who send cards, make food and check on people who are lonely or need help.

We have so many youth and adults who volunteer with our after school programs and Sunday school at Cross of Calvary, to make a difference in the kids' lives.

If you are in need of a friend, a listening ear, or someone to walk along beside you, we have Stephen Ministers, trained to listen.

We cannot be everything to everyone, but we can let Heaven's light shine through us in the world. We are the family of God, and God's love is a love of a different kind - of healing, of mercy, of understanding. It is all around us if we are looking.



God's Love and Peace,
Jeni

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: No meeting in June

Devotions & Communion: Elaine McDowell

Mission: Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 PM

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

June Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren & Drew Sagedahl

Acolytes: Aiden Grund & Elliot Lang

Sound Board/Clicker:??

Communion Helper: Elaine McDowell

Altar Guild: Sue Erickson



Dear members of Cross of Calvary,

Summer coffee hour sign up is posted. Call Sue to sign up!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study on Wednesday at 9:00 AM will soon finish the Max Lucado book "He Chose the Nails."

Our new book will be a study on 1 Samuel, beginning July 6, at 9:00. Get your book at the church office. Cost is ?



Cross of Calvary Quilters

The last two years they have work very hard to make 109 quilts.

84 have been distributed
6 Ronald McDonald House
6 Santa Closet
6 Renville Co. Associations
10 House of Hope
6 Safe Avenues
15 Vets in St. Cloud

5 Cancer Walk in the Park
14 Cross of Calvary Seniors in 2021
16 Cross of Calvary Seniors in 2022
Quilters: thank you very much for sharing your wonderful talents. Your dedication to make someone more comfortable and warm does not go unnoticed.

Thank you again!

Prayers for ...

Bob Wittman – Family & Friends
Randy Harrier – Family & Friends
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Ken Ziesmer – Family & Friends
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends
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



SUMMER CAMP: Have you registered for summer camp yet? There are lots of options, and some space has opened up. There are member scholarships to help pay the costs. Everyone who wants to attend camp will go. There are members who want to help sponsor too, because we all know that camp will change your life! Talk to Jeni if you are wondering what to do! Check out the options at gllm.org.

Please pray for youth who will be attending bible camp this summer. As of now, there are 9 registered and 2 who have been hired. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring faith as an adventure to our kids, that they meet new friends, have fun and are motivated by bible study, worship and songs to grow closer to God even when they return home.



DAY CAMP: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be bringing staff to lead our Day Camp, June 27-30. It is for youth who have finished K-6th grade. Cost is \$40 with \$100 cap for families. Community and Friends are welcome! Sign up at the google sign up on our website or here <http://forms.gle/t3tu1rDFZgeY35J76>

Outdoor Game and Movie night for High school (going into 9-12 and graduates)
June 29, Wednesday, from 8-11pm
Bring a snack to share and a beverage for the movie.





Cross of Calvary Graduating Class of 2022

Tyler Amsden	Jack Iverson
Andy Bahl	Jerson Kopka
Hunter Borer	Cameron Larson
Kaylee Fennern	Allie Paulsen
Kiera Fischer	Nicholas Serbus
David Garcia	Lily Thompson
George Garcia	Cole Visser
Bria Henriksen	Samuel Welchance

In June of 2022 we pray for...

1. We pray for sunshine and a good growing season.
2. The school year has ended for most of our public schools and colleges. We pray for a productive and enjoyable summer break for students, families, teachers & school staff.
3. We pray that those who are afraid can put their trust in you as they face life's obstacles.
4. We thank you for shelter. Please lead us to help those who lack adequate shelter
5. We pray for all the caregivers in our midst. We thank you for their kindness and patience.
6. Summer weather can be blissful but it can also be savage. We pray for anyone enduring a natural disaster.
7. Lord, help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong. Give us clear vision.
8. Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself. Help me to help others.
9. Help me to listen to those around me and hear their voice. Thank you for hearing my voice.
10. We pray that those struggling with addiction may find the help and support they need.
11. As our country comes closer to another election, we pray that you can help to unite us in seeking common goals, despite our differences.
12. We pray for those facing food insecurity. Help us to help them by our donations of resources and time.
13. Lord we pray for those who grieve, that they may find comfort in your loving arms.
14. On this Flag Day, we celebrate and pray for our country and it's citizens
15. We pray for families and especially for those forming new families through marriage. May the love they have today, grow as they build a future together.
16. We thank you for the blessing of babies in our lives. Help us to support them and their families though the coming years.
17. We pray for those who need healing. We especially pray for those on our Cross of Calvary prayer list, for their medical teams and for their caregivers.
18. Whether we take a staycation, a weekend away camping or a longer trip, we thank you for time together to refresh and renew and to build memories with our friends and families.
19. We thank you for the fathers and father figures in our lives. We thank you for the love and guidance they have given us and for the faith they have shared with us.
20. We pray for those who have suffered betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
21. We pray for safety whether at work or during recreation. Help us to make good decisions for ourselves and for others.
22. Lord, I thank you for your presence in my life. Help me to share you love with others.
23. We pray that those living in group homes, assisted living and long-term care can have their bodies minds and souls warmed by your summer sunshine.
24. We pray for those suffering from mental health issues. Please guide them to find the help they need.
25. Lord, help me to show kindness when feeling impatience and frustration.
26. We thank you for this Sabbath and for the opportunity to worship and renew our faith.
27. As Day Camp begins at Cross of Calvary, we pray for the children and adults spending time together having fun and growing their faith
28. We pray for those who are lonely. Help us to recognize and reach out to them and show them your love
29. Lord, I pray for wisdom and courage.
30. Today we celebrate Pastor Matt and wish him many blessings on his birthday and in the year to come.

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

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



COUNCIL MEMBERS

2023

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

2024

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

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

2025

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

STAFF

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

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

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Jeff Keltgen
2. Approve minutes of the *May meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Elaine McDowell, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *May meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Elaine Mc Dowell, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation: Starting to prepare for the Fall activities (i.e. Confirmation) Pastor Matt went to Gustavus Adolphus College for Continuing Education Classes. Two wedding in the month of May. Preparing for summer worship services.
 - Tech studies will be held at Cross of Calvary Church starting in September.
5. Parish Ministers Reports: handout
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration – Alex Gay, Trent Athmann, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson
 - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson: All meals have been distributed; there will more meal coming in the month of June.
 - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell: Working with the Sunday School superintendents on Sunday School ideas for the fall
 - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
 - Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen: continuing to distribute funds to worthy causes.

- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie: The committee would like to continue to do more activities through the summer.
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson &Kathy Reese
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 5/18/2022

9. Old Business

- Senior Recognition Sunday, May 22nd

10.New Business

- Stumps removed on east side of building (done on Tuesday, May 24th)
- Mulch for around the church – a purchase for all mulch to make the look of the outside the same. (Motion) Purchase from Redwood Nursery or a nursery? Looking for someone to pick up and then a notice will be posted to members to come and help place around the church.
(Mulch will come for deposit sight, free)
 - Should a work day be set up for placing the mulch around the church?
- Discuss which month to have the next council meeting (June or July)
 - Recommend, taking June off and having the next meeting in July to discuss fall activates. (June: No council meeting, July meeting on July 20th at 7:30 PM)

11.Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: **no** June meeting

June Devotions

June Communion – Elaine McDowell

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> Theology on Tap	2	3 Set up for Grad. Party	4 Larson Graduation party 10-1
5 9:00 AM Worship Communion <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour	6 6:30 PM Library in use	7 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	8 9:00 Women's Bible Study	9	10 Chrissy Boen Benefit 5-10 @ Max's	11
12 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour	13 6:30 PM Library in use	14 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	15 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> Theology on Tap	16	17	18
19 9:00 AM Worship Communion <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour 	20 6:30 PM Library in use 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	21 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	22 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study <hr/> 7 th Grade Confirmation retreat 10-4 <hr/> Confirmation Leader Meeting	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> 10:00 Coffee Hour	27 6:30 PM Library in use Day Camp 1-5	28 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Day Camp 1-5	29 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study <hr/> Day Camp 1-5 <hr/> Theology on Tap	30 Day Camp 1-5		



Day Camp: June 27-30 from 1-5 PM



Camp House: June 12-16