



# The Follower 2022

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
1103 W. Chestnut Ave.  
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**For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to again to a yoke of slavery. —Galatians 5:1**

These words from St. Paul have always had an impact on me. Of course we are free! We live in the United States of America. This has been drilled into me and I still fully believe it. But, Paul is writing 1750 years before the founding of America. And, he writes it to all of us who believe. So, this declaration has no boundaries of time or space. So, what is this freedom and what are the pitiful that we commonly encounter?

The first notion that I had of freedom is that it meant that I could do whatever I wanted, whenever I wanted. So, as a child I believe that it was something I would get as an adult and it would be wonderful! I anticipated the day with joy, but as time went by and I got closer to college, fear crept in. What do I do? I was aware that no one was telling me what to do, but there might be some (or a lot) things out there I wanted someone to tell me about.

And, there is the problem. We think that freedom is doing what we want to do and we slowly become slaves to ourselves. We work to please ourselves and we find out slowly that it is never enough. It seems we never quite make it to the place that our freedom is supposed to take us.

Then Paul says this to us:

**For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:13–14  
t and how to do it.**

And, there we have it!! True freedom is found in living out who we are created to be. The answer of who we are created to be can be found all the way back in Genesis. God creates Adam and Eve to care for the earth and each other. Nothing about doing whatever they wanted to do. When we are serving the other we find true freedom. The sense that all is right doing what God has created us for.

Blessings to all of you for a wonderful month of August!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

The word 'FREEDOM' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are slanted upwards from left to right, giving it a sense of movement and energy.

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Bob Erickson

Worship Meeting: August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 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

## August Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl – more needed, contact church if you can help

Acolytes: Addelyn & Emersyn Malvin

Sound Board/Clicker: ?

Communion Helper: Bob Erickson

Altar Guild: Amanda Malvin & Angela Cole



## **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 is reading 1 Samuel: "The Lives of Samuel and Saul"



## **Prayers for ...**

Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin  
Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends  
Zoe Orth – Family & Friends  
Bob Wittman – 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

Lyn Tesch – Family & Friends  
Pat Alderks – Family & Friends  
Ric Alderks – 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  
Ava Koep – Friends & Family

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 20th, 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 – Sandra Gay
2. Approve minutes of the *May meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Alex Gay, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *May/ June meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Sandra Gay, seconded by Elaine McDowell, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation
  - Pastor Matt has had funerals for non-members, wedding coming up in July and August. Continuing to prepare for fall confirmation and fall activities. Visits have been going very well.
5. Parish Ministers Reports - handout
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
  - Carpets need to be cleaned. Craig will get quotes if approved by council.
  - ) Council approved for Craig to get quotes from companies to clean the carpets.)
8. Committee Reports
  - Administration – Alex Gay, Trent Athmann, Nathan Cole, Scott Johnson & Bob Erickson: Mulch, weeds and stumps have been taken care of, thanks to everyone who helped.
  - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson
  - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell
  - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson

- Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen
- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson &Kathy Reese  
August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30 PM
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 6/30/2022 & 7/19/2020

#### 9. Old Business

- Stumps removed on east side of building (Payment-Money was taken out of maintenance)
- Thank you to all who helped with putting mulch around the church.

#### 10.New Business

- Use of the church, Fellowship hall. (handout)
  - A \$25 fee will be asked of all people that use of the kitchen & Fellowship hall for activities. No fee for a general meeting.
- Pastor Matt is taking a class which cost \$310.00 each month. Asking church to pay every other month. (10 month long class)
  - Council approved to pay every other month for Pastor Matt’s continuing Ed. Motions was made by Scott Johnson and seconded by Stacey Larson. Motion passed.
- New Coffee Machine is needed.
  - Alex Gay is looking into what Max’s Grill uses and Sue Altmann /Elaine McDowell will be looking in the cost of a new machine. (The church will have to ask members for donation toward the machine, more to follow.)
- It was asked if locks could be put on all Sunday school rooms. Bob Erickson & Jeff Keltgen are looking into costs, etc.

#### 11.Adjourn – Closing Prayer

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: August 17th at 7:30 PM  
 August Devotions – Bob Erickson  
 August Communion – Bob Erickson