



The Follower 2022

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

Let's Go!!

Let's GO! Is commonly heard from an excited athlete, or an excited group of people ready to take something on. There is a mission ahead, or a goal in mind, and the mindset is; let's do it, let's accomplish this, let's get this done!

Do we get this excited about God's Work when it is in our hands? Colossians is a message to people who are suffering from crisis of faith. From Col 1:11-14 - "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
Let's GO!

Fall is here and programs in the church have rested for the summer, but it's time to come back renewed and proclaim this great message of strength, endurance, patience, joy and thanks. Let's GO make disciples, teaching the young, serving our neighbor and worshipping together in peace.
Let's GO be part of the ministry in the building, and reach out of the walls to the community and beyond. Find a way to get involved - and Let's GO!!!

Let the excitement of God's work be with you.
Let's GO!

Jeni Skeie

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: September 21st at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Scott Johnson

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

September Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Dan Gross & Brian Kingery

Acolytes:

Camera/Clicker:

Communion Helper: Scott Johnson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson



October 2, 2022



Backpack blessing will be Sunday September 11 during worship at 9am. Bring your backpack to set at the altar and receive a back pack tag as a reminder that you are loved by God. This isn't just for youth, but it's for all ages, back packs and briefcases or whatever you use for your work. Let's bless the bags that hold our stuff!

Confirmation Information

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30pm. Confirmation orientation will be for all students in grades 7-9 and parents. This is a time to meet with the staff, get the calendar, sign up for required participation events and learn about the year ahead.

September 14, NO CONFIRMATION

September 28, 6:30-7:30pm the first class for 7th grade will be.

September 21, 6:30-7:30, 10th grade confirmation banquet, with rehearsal after dinner. 8-9th graders and their parents will set up, serve and clean up. This is always such a cherished!

October 5, 6:30-7:30pm. 8th-9th graders will begin class

Class will continue every other week. A schedule will be handed out at orientation.



3rd and 7th grade bibles will be handed out on at the 9am worship service, on September 25th. Parents will come forward with their confirmand and the Bible will be handed to parents, to put in the students hands. It is symbolic of the promises made in Baptism.

Elementary Youth Programs

We have made some changes this year. Our groups have gotten too big and so we are creating a new group.

WOW will now be 5-6 grades and meet 2x per month on Wednesdays. **(9/21)**

Jesus Justice League will be 1-2nd grade meeting 1x per month on Thursdays **(9/22)**

We will add a new group for 3-4th grade also meeting 1x per month on Thursdays- and they are excited to come up with a new name for their group. **(9/29)**

Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders will begin September 22, 7:07 am at chatterbox. We will meet every week unless there is no school. After week 1, we will meet in the church fellowship hall. There will be loads of breakfast, devotion and some conversation. Friends are welcome.



Youth Band - let's get this going again. We will practice some Wednesday nights from 7:45-8:30pm. Any youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. Sign up on the youth board. Do you want to learn how to play guitar? Jeni has 3 guitars that are available for loan and she is willing to help get you started. Please call if you are interested!



Sunday school begins on Rally day, October 2 with worship at 9am and Sunday school at 10am. We will have teacher installation during the worship time with teachers standing in place for a blessing.

God's Work Our Hands, October 2, will be our Rally Day event for the whole congregation. This is our chance to work side by side with other members and our families, helping other members of our church or community. We are doing God's Work, with Our Hands, loving God and neighbor. If you know someone who could use help with a project, yard work, or window washing, please call Sister Sarah or Jeni or the church office.



Frozen meals: Do you know someone who could use a meal? There are frozen meals at church for those in need. Come talk to Jeni or Sue or Pastor Matt if you would like to deliver a meal to someone.

Adopt a grandparent is a program I have done before and would love to get started again. We will meet 3-4 Sundays throughout the year and break into groups of 2-3 people to visit members who would like to play cards, board games, or just talk. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the youth board. Adults will be needed to help with driving. If you would like a visit, please let Sue know at the church office! We would love to expand the family!

Jazz Worship needs musicians! Our worship committee is planning a jazz worship for Sunday, October 2 - also Rally Sunday. Kathy Reese is the contact for this. Please consider this and watch for practice times. We will be playing songs like, "Oh when the saints go marching in"; Jesus loves me, what a friend we have in Jesus, This little light of mine, and Just a closer walk with thee. If you know others who would like to play, please let Jeni Skeie and Kathy Reese know and give them the date.



Coffee hour: We would like to assign this year- with the hopes that all families will serve once with 2 other families. It's like "supper" at home - it's a time to visit with our church family members and if we each take a turn to serve, we create a time of fellowship for everyone where no one person does all the work. If you would like to choose your time to serve, sign up on the church board or call the church office. 320-523-1574



You're invited to a come and Go
Bride and Groom Shower for Emmy Syversen & Ethan Whited
Saturday, Sept. 17th from 1-3 PM
Cross of Calvary Church



Church committees: We are looking for people to use their gifts and talents on committees at church. During the next couple months, there will be descriptions of each committee and a place to sign up or a contact person you can call for more information. All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church office at crossofcalvary@gmail.com or 320-523-1574 here is a short description of each committee:

Administration: Alex Gay, Gordon Blem, Scott Johnson, Bob Erickson, Trent Athmann & Nathan Cole

Staff: Pastor Matt Hausken

- Manage and care for church property
- Church building
- Parsonage
- Manage and oversee congregational finances

Care Team: Stacey Larson

Members: Lynnette Blem, Sue Erickson, Karen Flom, DeeAnne Newville

Staff: Jeni Skeie

- Comfort Meals
- Visitation
- Adopt a family member
- Projects for shut-ins
- Meals on Wheels.
- Provide support as needed for the Stephens Ministers

Children, Youth & Family:

Members: This committee is under construction and looking for members.

Sunday School

Superintendents: Skye Hebrink

Staff: Jeni Skeie

Equipping: Pastor Matt Hausken & Keith Larson

Members: Darin Ditterich, Amanda Malvin, Eric Skeie & Laurence Stratton

Staff: Jeni Skeie

- Plan and coordinate adult education opportunities
- Empower people to think about stewardship
- Time and Talent
- Encourage financial offerings

Missions: Alex Gay

Members: Nancy Hague, Betsy Hennen, Susan Meyers, Dave Torgelson

Staff: Pastor Matt Hausken

- Educate congregation on missions
- Provide opportunities to be involved in world and local missions
- Distribute mission dollars from church budget

Outreach: Jill Hanson

Members: Jon Hawkinson, Sister Sarah Hausken & Kelsie Aeikens

Staff: Pastor Matt Hausken

- Invite people to Cross of Calvary
- Promote Cross of Calvary in the community
- Create opportunities to share the love of Jesus through Cross of Calvary

Parish Life: Sandra Gay & Elaine McDowell

Members: Dana Boen

Staff: Jeni Skeie

- Plan and coordinate opportunities for fellowship
- Continue to offer opportunities to acclimate new members
- Coordinate summer coffee hours
- Coordinate Soup Suppers

Technology: Nathan Cole

Staff: Pastor Matt Hausken

- Manage, maintain, and update technology equipment

Worship & Music: Jill Hanson & Elaine McDowell

Members: Peggy Vesterby, Angie Boen, Pam Dettmann, Kathy Reese, Olivia Hanson

Staff: Pastor Matt Hausken & Jeni Skeie

- Advise and coordinate worship and music opportunities:
- Coordinate with Musicians
- Organists/pianists
- Bands
- Choirs
- Arrange for special music
- Arrange for Readers
- Coordinate Children's Sermons
- Coordinate "clickers" to run the screen during worship
- Choose worship music

Grounds Volunteers: Bernie Johnson, Mark Schlomann, Duane Flom, Gordy Blem & Faye Johnson

Landscaping Volunteers: Lyn Knoke, Sandy Padernos, Bonnie Triplett & Betsy Hennen

Parsonage Care Team Volunteers: Keith Larson, Bob Erickson, Dave Altmann & Mark Thiesse

Prayer Garden: Betsy Hennen
Prayers for ...

Trevor Solem – Friends and Family

Glenn Hegna _ Family & Friends

Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends

Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy

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Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends

Family of Zoe Orth

Bob Wittman – Family & Friends

Family of Marge Johnson

Family of Sue Schroeffer

Ava Koep – Friends & Family

Chrissy Boen – 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 Aalderks – Family & Friends

Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family

Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends

Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister

Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends



During September we pray for.....

1. We pray for our church staff as they prepare for fall activities. Guide us to share our time and talents as needed.
2. We pray for all athletes as they begin a new season.....that they will honor You by their sportsmanship and hard work. Please keep them safe.
3. As families enjoy this last summer weekend, please bless their time together.
4. Bless those who gather to worship you whether in the church, in nature or in their places of residence.
5. Today we thank you for Labor----we honor those whose Labor enriches the lives of others and we thank you for those who show their love for you through their careers.
6. We pray for those who need Your healing hand and for their caregivers. We especially hold up those who are on our weekly prayer list
7. Be with our Confirmation students, their parents and their leaders as they gather for Confirmation orientation.
8. We pray for those facing food insecurity. Help us help them through the Food Self, LSS or any other means.
9. We pray for those who labor with harvest or other seasonal jobs. Please keep them safe.
10. We thank you for shelter. Please inspire us to assist those without secure shelter.
11. Today we bless backpacks and give Bibles to 3rd & 7th Graders. Please watch over our students and their families.
12. As our young people are settling into their college routine, we pray you'll be with them as they face new decisions about things large and small.
13. We pray for unity...for our country, for our community and in our relationships.
14. Dear Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and trying to bring help to others.
15. We pray for those struggling with Addiction.
16. Father, I am thankful that your love is steadfast.
17. We pray for those who suffer abuse.
18. Lord I give thanks for Your presence in my life and in the lives of the people I hold dear.
19. Thank you for new life and for the babies in our church, our families and our community.
20. We pray for those struggling with their mental health and we pray for their families, friends and caregivers. Help us to love and understand each other.
21. Today our 5th & 6th graders begin their WOW season. Be with them and the adults involved in this ministry that they have grow not only their faith, but their relationships with each other.
22. Help our 1st graders who join with 2nd graders today in the first day of Jesus Justice League. Help our leaders and the older students make those attending for the first time feel your love.
23. Lord help me to show kindness and love when feeling frustration and impatience.
24. We pray that we may be able to listen and hear Your voice. Help us to listen to those around us and hear them.
25. Today our 10th graders confirm their faith. We pray that their faith journey will continue and that the members of the church will be available to help them on that journey.
26. We pray for those who have experienced betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
27. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
28. We pray for those in assisted living, LTC and group homes.
29. As our 3rd & 4th graders meet for their first after school event. Help them find an identity for their group and help them to love and support each other throughout the year.
30. Thank you Lord, for the change in seasons. For the crisp fall mornings and the sunny afternoons. We celebrate Your beautiful creation.

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Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 17th, 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 – Bob Erickson
2. Approve minutes of the **July meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Alex Gay, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report –**July meeting** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Jill Hanson, seconded by Kathy Reese, motion passed.
 - Cross of Calvary will be receiving at ECR credit from the IRS, will be available in about 4 months.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation
 - Pastor has done 2 wedding in July. He has also been preparing for Confirmation, which will start with the Old Testament.
 - He has been able to do regular visits to members.
5. Parish Ministers Reports – preparing for ALL fall activities.
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
 - Carpets need to be cleaned. Waiting for more bids.
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration – A. Gay, T. Athmann, N. Cole, S. Johnson & B. Erickson
 - ✓ Tree trimming will take place the week of August 22nd. Committee will help.
 - ✓ Air conditioner in the parsonage is leaking, may need a new system.
 - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson
 - ✓ Food continues to be delivered to those in need.
 - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell
 - ✓ Have not met, will start again in the fall.
 - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
 - ✓ Will be meeting again starting this fall.

- Missions –Alex Gay & Jeff Keltgen
✓ Will be meeting again starting this fall.
- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
✓ Will be meeting again starting this fall.
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Kathy Reese
✓ Music is done through November.
✓ Jazz Band playing on All Saints Sunday.
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 8/15/2022

9. Old Business

- Coffee machine: Nate Cole made a motion to order a new coffee machine and Trent Athmann second. Motion passed

10. New Business

- Sign up for church committees? Post on the church window for people to sign up in September. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the windows so church members can sign up to work the committees listed above. We are hoping the church members will join and work with council member.
- Kitchen refrigerator is broken. – Maintenance has been notified.
- Window in 5th grade classroom is broken. – Insurance will be called and replacement will take place soon.
- Resignation of Jeff Keltgen from council. The council is in need of a member to fill the position until the end of the year only.
- A financial report will be in the bulletin at the beginning of each month and the Follower.

11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: September 20th at 7:30 PM

September Devotions – Scott Johnson

September Communion – Scott Johnson

Dates for future happenings:

August 28th – 10th Grade Confirmation retreat 1-5 PM

September 7th – Confirmation starts

September 21st – Confirmation Banquet

September 25th – Confirmation Sunday

September 25th – 27th: Fall Theology Conference (Jeni & Pastor Matt)

October 2nd: Rally Sunday, Sunday school starts, 3rd & 7th grade receive Bibles

Year to Date Financial Report

Year to date	August 2022			
	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$48,890	\$132,442	\$151,759	\$29,573
Designated Gifts	\$35,416	\$9,371	\$5,754	\$39,035
Memorials	\$2,120	\$210	0	\$2,330
Totals	\$89,426	\$142,024	\$157,513	\$70,938
			Aug-2021	\$95,876

