

# November



## The Follower 2022

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

**1103 W. Chestnut Ave.**

**Olivia, MN 56277**

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October was a busy month to say the least! What fun! Sunday school started and we installed 54 volunteers who will pass on the faith to our young people this year. There are 12 members of the Council, 24 members of the altar guild, 4-5 men who are committed to our lawn care, 2 people who design our landscaping, a few committed ladies who run the kitchen, many families who take care of coffee hour, about 10 people who make quilts, 5-6 women who put on our Christmas bazaar, 2 people who decorate for Christmas, an army of 30-50 people who raise money doing the ham dinner, and a hand full of committees that make the church work.



Some of these groups are once a year, and some are ongoing. Some of these people are doing multiple tasks but each helps where they can with the time they have. If you haven't been in church lately, there are sign-ups on the windows at the back of the church for our committees. People before you have done the work and some have retired, some have fought the good fight and passed on, and we know that many hands make lite the work. From the MSG in Acts 20:28, "Now it's up to you. Be on your toes - both for yourselves and your congregation of sheep. The Holy Spirit has put you in charge of these people - God's people they are - to guard and protect them. God himself thought they were worth dying for."

There are so many opportunities to serve at Cross of Calvary. I pray that you will prayerfully consider your gifts and talents and put them in place with others to lighten the load, but also to work side by side in our ministry to each other. From Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

This harvest will involve building up others in the Lord, building relationships that can last a lifetime and loving the Lord through service.

Each person we meet and minister with becomes part of the team that is growing faith in our younger people, but also ourselves. In this month of giving thanks, I am so grateful for the people I have worked alongside at Cross of Calvary and am eager to meet and walk with others, wherever your gifts and prayers lead you. And if we become weary in our work, we know there are others to help, and the Lord to carry our load.

God's Peace to you as you serve, or discern your place of service at Cross of Calvary.

Jeni Skeie

**Council & Committee Meeting Dates**

Church Council: November 16th at 7:30 PM

Devotions & Communion: Jill Hanson

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

**November Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Trent Athmann, Justin Mortensen & Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Gavin Johnson & Kenley Elfering

Clicker: Maddy Cole

Camera:

Communion Helper: Jill Hanson

Altar Guild: Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing



Sunday School Registration link - <https://forms.gle/gt8g9RRSxXQP9BjL8>

***No Sunday school: November 27, Thanksgiving break***



*Cross of Calvary will have 19 youth attending the junior high youth gathering on November 18-19. Please keep them in your prayers that they would be led by the Spirit to grow in faith.*

***10-12 grade movie night will be at church on November 13th, from 7-9pm.***



***Youth service project & pizza  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am – 1 pm. Tying blankets for Santa’s Closet.***

***Game night for 7-9 grade will follow confirmation on November 9 from 7:30-8:30.***



**Confirmation Information**

7th grade class meets November 2 and 16, 6:30-7:30pm.

8th-9th grade class meets November 9 and 30, 6:30-7:30pm.

There is NO Confirmation the night before Thanksgiving, November 23, but there is worship at 7pm.

**Elementary Youth Programs**

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade meets November 10 (and December 1)

G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade meets November 17 (and December 15)

Wow for 5-6 grade meets November 2 and 16, (and December 7 and 14)



**"Advent Event"**- for 1-6th grade and on November 30. We will meet from 5:00-6:30 for a meal together, and make an advent calendar to help us think about "Waiting" for the baby Jesus. Looking for 6 adult helpers and other youth helpers as well Sign up online by midnight on Sunday, November 27at: <https://forms.gle/ZnLuAxW6pqQXQ6HY9>

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### **Breakfast Club**



Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders, meets at 7:07am - 7:40am - We meet every week unless there is no school. We will eat in the church fellowship hall. There will be breakfast, a devotion and some conversation. Bring your friends!

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Caroling and soup supper for all adults and youth together! - Sunday, December 18. Time to be announced. If you can help with the soup supper, please sign up on the "DOOR"

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Alumni Breakfast Club December 22, 7:07am at Cross of Calvary. This is for our current 10-12 grade youth but also anyone who has been a part of Breakfast Club in the past!!! Monkey bread and scrambled eggs!

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All Area youth grades 7-12 Ski nights will be January 15 and February 19. BOLD and RCW will have no School the following day. We will leave from Cross of Calvary at 12 noon and return at 9:30ish. Cost is \$60. This includes the bus ride. Youth under age 21 may NOT drive themselves. Money must be paid when signing up. Family account money can be used.

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Camp Sunday will be January 29. If you attended camp last year, we would love to have you help lead or share about your time at camp and how it helped you learn about the love of God. Talk to Jeni - 320-579-0406 or [jeniskeie@gmail.com](mailto:jeniskeie@gmail.com).

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Mark your calendar - **2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans**, July 16-20. Registration will open September 15, 2023 and down payment is \$150. Total cost will be around \$1500 depending on how we travel. If you graduate in 2024-2027 you are welcome to attend. Click here for more information. [https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?\\_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275)

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There will also be a Young Adult National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024 for ages 18-35. Cost will be similar. If you are interested in more info, please talk to Jeni or search [https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?\\_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275)

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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.

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Coffee hour sign up is in need of volunteers! 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. Thank you!





*Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?*

meeting. Please contact the office if you are interested: 320-523-1574

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. We are also looking for people to fill council positions at the annual

## During November we pray for.....



1. All the saints that have gone before us. Especially for those our church family lost this past year.
2. As the harvest season comes to a close, we pray for the safety of all those continuing to wrap up their outdoor work.
3. We pray for those who are ill. We pray especially for those listed in our weekly prayer list.
4. Please Lord, help us to listen to your Word, and honor you in all we do.
5. We pray for those who suffer abuse in any form.
6. As we gather to worship, we thank you for our worship leaders and our church family.
7. We pray and thank you for all caregivers.
8. As we go to the polls to cast our votes, help us to make wise decisions and to respect others opinions.
9. We pray for all newly elected officials at the local, state and federal level. We pray that they may serve you as they serve their constituents.
10. As our youngest students gather for Jesus Justice Leave, we pray that their relationships with you and each other grow through this ministry.
11. We pray for unity. In our relationships and in our communities.
12. Today we remember the Veterans in our Nation. We thank them for their service and sacrifices.
13. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please give me the strength to do your will.
14. Lord, help me to show patience even when frustrated, irritated or angry.
15. We pray for those suffering Addiction.
16. We pray for those in LTC, Assisted Living and Group Homes.
17. Thank you for new life and for babies in our church, our families and our community.
18. We pray for our Junior High Students and the adults attending the Synod Junior High Gathering.
19. Today we give you thanks for our many Blessings.
20. Today we pray for those struggling with their mental health. We pray for their families and friends. Help us to show love to those who are struggling.
21. Lord help me to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
22. This holiday season, we pray for relief from what burdens us and others.
23. We pray for safety for our college students and families who are traveling to be with loved ones for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
24. We pray for families who are together today and we pray for those who are alone that they feel peace.
25. We pray for those who have suffered betrayal in their lives. Please help them to trust again.
26. We pray for our church leaders, staff, Sunday School teachers and students as they prepare for the Advent Season
27. On this first day of Advent, we pray that we may be able to focus our attention what truly matters, without the distraction of trivial things.
28. Dear Lord, we pray for freedom from what burdens us.
29. We pray for our teachers and paras and school staff as they enter into this season of great joy and immense distractions for their students. Give them the patience and creativity they need.
30. We look forward to a new month where we await the birth of the Baby Jesus. Help us to learn and grow in our faith as we prepare for Christmas

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 7:30 PM



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### 2023

Sandra Gay 2023  
George Tesch 2023  
Stacey Larson 2023  
Jill Hanson 2023\*

### 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: Curt Sather

(Alex Gay resigned in September)

## MINUTES

### MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Stacey Larson
2. Approve minutes of the *September meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Kathy Reese, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *September meeting* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by George Tesch, seconded by Scott Johnson, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report
  - Worship Service & Confirmation: 2 Baptisms, 1 Funeral and 1 wedding.
    - A Grief Lectionary was attended by Pastor Matt. In November Pastor Matt will be offering a Bible Study on grief. (6 sessions)
    - Worship numbers are on the rise.
5. Parish Ministers Reports.
  - Everything is gone excellent.
6. Office Report (Sue)
7. Maintenance Update (Craig)
8. Committee Reports
  - Administration: A call will be made to the insurance company for the broken window. The deductible is too high; the cost will come from the budget.
  - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson
    - Meals have been replenished, supplies have been purchased
  - Children, Youth & Family –Jeni Skeie & Elaine McDowell
  - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
  - Missions –Alex Gay
  - Outreach –Pastor Matt & Jill Hanson

- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay & Jeni Skeie
- Didn't meet, but will be setting up events for throughout the year, both at church and outside activities.
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
- Updated Bible Software.
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson &Kathy Reese
- Music is done through December; they will meet again in November.
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 10/10/2022

9. Old Business

- Cement work in the prayer garden. (waiting on bids)
- Total Glass will be coming for the broken window on Wednesday, Oct.12<sup>th</sup>.
- Deductible is higher than the cost.
- Fischer family donated the money back to the church, from the tree service.
  
- A new water fountain has been purchased, will be insulated soon.
  
- The new coffee maker is working great.

10. New Business

11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO**

Next month: November 16th at 7:30 PM

November Devotions – Jill Hanson

November Communion – Jill Hanson