

The Follower 2023

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

February

On February 22nd we will begin our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. It is 40 days long (not including Sundays) and it ends with our celebration of Christ's resurrection. It is 40 days of reflection and learning and growing deeper in our faith.

The season of Lent was originally set up for those who were preparing to be baptized. It was intended as a time to refocus and prepare those who were new to the Christian faith. Also, if you have ever taught, you know that in teaching you learn and grow as well.

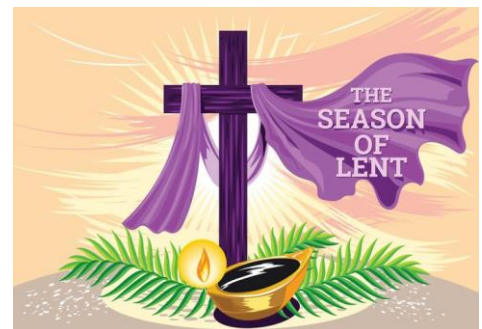
It's with this in mind that we enter into Lent here at Cross of Calvary. Our Lenten series for this year will be called "Ask". This is the latest from the Barneese Collective. It is impossible to learn and grow without asking questions. This will give us an opportunity to learn and to grow as a community. After worship on Sunday mornings we will have a bible study focusing in on the Sunday readings. It is hoped that this will continue passed the Lenten season. We will also be holding up the book "Wholehearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evans. It is a wonderfully refreshing expression of faith and to fit with the theme of Lent it will give us plenty of material to ask questions about. The Theology on Tap group will be studying this book starting on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:45 pm at Max's. You are all welcome to join us!

However you observe Lent, we hope you will join us and we are hopefully we can journey together faithfully!

Blessings for a wonderful month of February!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Council Members

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Alex Gay	2024*	Elaine McDowell	2025*	Stacey Larson	2026*
Kathy Reese	2024	Nathan Cole	2025*	Sandra Gay	2026*
Robert Erickson	2024	Trent Athmann	2025	Bobbi Jo Abrahamson	2026
Scott Johnson	2024	Keith Larson	2025	Julie Mitchell	2026



Confirmation Information

February 1st – 7th Grade

February 8th - 8th & 9th Grade (Game Night after until 8:30 PM)

February 15th – 7-8-9 Grade

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday – attend service

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW: 5-6 grades meet Wednesdays: February 8 and 15, March 1 and 22, April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17.

Jesus Justice League: -1st & 2nd grade meet: February 9, March 2, April 13, and May 4

GLUE: 3-4th grade also meet on Thursday: February 16, March 9, April 20 and May 18.

1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023 (3-5 PM)

Worship Services: April 6th at 7:00 PM or 16th at 9:00 AM

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders continues every week if there is school. (7:07 AM)

All Area youth grades 7-12 Ski nights will be 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 and permission form turned in when signing up.

Family account money can be used.





Senior High Youth Gathering is April 14-15, 2023 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This is for 9-12 graders. (More info coming)



Sr. High Survivor Lock – in at Peace Lutheran in New London. Cost is \$25.00 – Youth 9-12 Graders. Sign up on the Youth board.

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.

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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

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7-9 graders are invited to attend Camp House in northern MN thru GLLM. Check it out online!



Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
Family of Deacon Leanne Elliot
Mary Pratt – Family & Friends
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
Rhonda Haney – Family & Friends
David Lanning – Cole family
Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends
Carol Horrmann – Friends & Family
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin
Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends
Bob Wittman – Family & Friends

Ava Koep – Friends & Family
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends
Clifford Metteer - Family
Jon Hackman 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
Jesse Tongen – Family & Friends

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Church Council: February 15th at 7:45 PM

Devotions: Bob Erickson

Communion: Alex Gay

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

February Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Jessica Altmann & Sadie Gross

Clicker: Preston Stuhl

Camera: Aidan Grund

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem, Lowanda Frank

Women's Bible Study

We have starting a new book: 1 King 1-11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Cost of book is \$15.00 (in church office)



Soup Supper Sign up is on the "Door".

Youth will serve on Ash Wednesday.

Dates: February 22nd – March 29th

Families please sign up on the Youth Board to bring food and work a shift.

We Love Soup Supper!!

Serving will be from 5:30 – 6:30 PM



Cross of Calvary Offering Envelopes are ready to be pick up.
If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the church office.
(We have extra envelopes)



This February we pray.....

1. That as we look forward to the extra minutes of light you give us this month, help us to be your light in our community and in the world.
2. For those who suffer loneliness. Help us to reach out to them and show your love.
3. Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear.
4. Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of our Earth.
5. We pray for those who are struggling with their mental health.
6. Forgive me, God, for being so immersed in my own life that I neglect to give others a helping hand.
7. I thank You for all those who are a positive influence in my life.
8. On this Wednesday, we pray for our WOW and confirmation students and their teachers.
9. Today we pray for our youngest students who are attending Jesus Justice League. Help them to grow in their faith and in their relationships with their church family
10. Oh Lord, I ask for your wisdom and courage.
11. We pray for those who are ill, especially those on our Cross of Calvary weekly Prayer list.
12. Today as we unite in watching the Super Bowl game, help us to remember that we are one nation, united by more than what divides us.
13. We pray for those in group homes, assisted living or long-term care and we thank you for their caregivers.
14. We celebrate those we love today and we mourn with those who have lost a partner this past year.
15. We pray for those struggling with their faith
16. Today we pray for our 3rd & 4th Graders and their leaders as they meet after school for GLUE (God Loves US Everyday)
17. We pray for the members of our church as they go about their daily lives.
18. Today I pray for fresh motivation to follow your will and your ways
19. As we gather for worship, we thank you for our church staff and all of those involved in making our worship meaningful.
20. On this President's Day, we pray for all our elected leaders. Please instill in them the wisdom and courage to lead during difficult times.
21. We pray for parents as they raise children in uncertain times.
22. On this Ash Wednesday, Help us prepare for our Lenten journey.
23. We pray for those struggling financially and especially for those facing homelessness or food insecurity.
24. We pray for safety for all those who travel in the winter months.
25. Help us to take the time to be quiet and listen for your voice
26. For those who are searching whether for jobs, relationships or guidance.
27. For those who struggle with addiction. We know the long cold winter can be difficult. Help us to give those around us encouragement.
28. Lord, we thank you, for in you we have found forgiveness of our sins.

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 7:45 PM



COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan.	<u>2025</u>	* Second term
Sandra Gay 2023	Alex Gay	2024*	Elaine McDowell	2025*
George Tesch 2023	Kathy Reese	2024	Nathan Cole	2025*
Stacey Larson 2023	Robert Erickson	2024	Trent Athmann	2025
Jill Hanson 2023*	Scott Johnson	2024	Keith Larson	2025

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister
Sue Altmann, Recorder/Building Supervisor

President: Nathan Cole Vice President: Keith Larson Treasurer: Curt Sather

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Jill Hanson
2. Approve minutes of the ***December meeting*** – Motion to approve the minutes by Jill Hanson, seconded by Stacey Larson, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – ***December meeting*** - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Stacey Larson, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.
 - 2023 Budget – Discussion and approved.
 - Payments to SW MN Synod \$8250.00 and LSS \$1100.00 – to meet comments to Outreach 2022 budget.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation: busy and normal visits.
 - Starting to plan for Lent.
 - Confirmation, make up dates have been set.
5. Parish Ministers Reports.
 - Busy with all activities.
 - Sunday school – Skye Hebrink is doing a great job.
 - Coffee Hour is need of lead people.
 - Camp Sunday: January 22nd.
 - Ski Trip will be January 15th.
6. Office Report (Sue)
 - Finished on 2022 Annual Report
7. Maintenance Update
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration Pastor Matt, Keith Larson, Nathan Cole, Trent Athmann
 - Care Team –Jeni Skeie & Stacey Larson
 - 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
- Technology –Nathan Cole & Pastor Matt Hausken
- Worship & Music – Jeni Skeie, Jill Hanson & Kathy Reese
- AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok) 1/10/2023

9. Old Business

- Does anyone know if the Cross of Calvary church constitution been approved by the SW MN Synod from last update??? (Approved by SW MN Synod April 2020)
- Cross of Calvary Treasurer position
- Cross of Calvary Janitor position – changed to Building Supervisor (Sue Altmann will be in charge, with a 2 month review.)

10. New Business

- City of Olivia: looking for places for stranded motorist in the future. Stacey Larson will talk to Jason Krumheuer about more details.
- Approve Annual meeting booklet.
- Autum Stryker will be applying for grant money and will run the money through Cross of Calvary.

11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: February 15th at 7:45 PM

February Devotions – Bob Erickson

February Communion – Alex Gay

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Women's Bible Study	2 No Breakfast Club	3	4 Baby Shower 12-3
			6:30 PM - 7 th Grade Confirmation	Quilters 9:30 AM		
5 9:00 AM Worship Communion	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 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	10 Preschool screening from 8-3	11 Fellowship Hall in use from 9-12
Baptism - Larson	6-7 PM Cub Scouts Mtg.		3-5 WOW	Quilters 9:30 AM	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen in use from 5-9	
10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour			6:30 PM - 8 th & 9 th Grade Confirmation	3-5 JLL		
			Game Night til 8:30 PM			
12 9:00 AM Worship	13 6:30 PM Library in use	14 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	15 9:00 Women's Bible Study	16 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	17	18
Baptism - Steffel	7-8 Boy Scout Mtg.		3-5 WOW	Quilters 9:30 AM		
10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Hour			7 th , 8 th & 9 th Confirmation	3-5 GLUE		
			7:45 PM Church Council			
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10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour			9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study	Quilters 9:30 AM		
Ski Trip Day 12-9:30 PM 			Ash Wednesday  Noon and 7:00 PM			
			Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM			
26 9:00 AM Worship	27 6:30 PM Library in use	28 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	1 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	2 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	3	4 Baby Shower 11-1
10:00 Coffee Hour No Sunday School	1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study		3-5 WOW	Quilters 9:30 AM		
			Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM	3-5 JLL		
			Confirmation 6:20 - 7:30 PM			
			7:00 Lenten Service			



Lenten Soup Suppers: sign up on the "Door" to serve

*starting February 22nd – March 29th

*5:30 – 6:30 PM

* Free will donation

