



The Follower November 2023

Hello Faith Family!

I'm thrilled to be coming back as Cross of Calvary's Parish Minister! Many thanks to Jeni Skeie for serving in this role so faithfully these past 6 years!

Two years ago, God led me to accept a call to serve as the Director of Vocation for Deaconess Community of the ELCA. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in that way. I learned a great deal

about the church, organizations, people, and myself. Most importantly, I learned that I am equipped and called to ministry alongside children, youth and families at Cross of Calvary!

I return to you with new perspectives, experiences, and vigor.

I'd like to lay out the plans I have for continuing the rich ministries at Cross of Calvary. But in my morning devotions, I was reminded, "Don't brashly announce what you're going to do tomorrow; you don't know the first thing about tomorrow." (Proverbs 27:1, The Message) So instead, I will share that I hope to ask a lot of questions and do a lot of listening:

- to GOD
- to YOU
- to our NEIGHBORS

Thank you for trusting me with this role. I look forward to following Jesus alongside you.

In Christ,
Sister Sarah Hausken



November Worship Assistants

Ushers: Justin Martinson, Trent Athmann, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Charlie Morse

Clicker: Maddy Cole, Camera: Logan Osthus

Communion Helper: Keith Larson

Altar Guild: Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing

Moments of Gratitude

Please contact the Equipping Committee if you have a moment of gratitude you would like to share with the congregation.

(Amanda Malvin, Darin Ditterich, Eric Skeie and Pastor Matt)



Do you need someone to talk to? If you need someone to talk to about decisions, or you are feeling lonely, **Stephen Ministers are available** to visit over the phone or FaceTime. During this time when we are physically apart, we want to walk beside you. Please call the church office and Skye can pass on your request.

GIVING ONLINE



at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary is reminding you can now **manage your giving online!** Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen **instructions** to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



Prayers of Healing and Strength

Jon Hackmann Family
Joyce Damhof – Sara Benson's mother
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Betty Hamborg - Family & Friends
Chase Rothmeier - Family & Friends
Karen Revier - Family & Friends
Family of Roy French

Prayer concerns will now be listed for one month only. If you need to extend or add prayers for an individual or family, please call the church office. 320-523-1574

Need Pastoral Care-Please have a family member or friend notify the

church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource



Offering
A huge
Thank You
for giving so
generously!

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 7:30 PM



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

2024

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

2025

Elaine McDowell 2025*
Kirk Elfering 2025*(A)
Trent Athmann 2025
Keith Larson 2025

2026

Stacey Larson 2026*
Sandra Gay 2026*(A)
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson 2026(R)
Open 2026

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken
Parish Minister - open

President: Keith Larson

Vice President: Bob Erickson

Treasurer: Cheryl Mallak

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Stacey
2. Keith informed the council he received an email from Bobbi Jo stating she was resigning from the council effective immediately
3. Approve minutes of **September meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Erickson, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Elaine McDowell, seconded by Bob Erickson, motion passed.
5. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation
 - Confirmation has started and is going well.
 - Sunday School started.
 - Extra activities to begin after parish minister hired.
 - Continued "Thank You" to everyone that has assisted with church needs
6. Parish Ministers Reports
 - Update on Jr. High Youth Gathering
 - Around 16 youth interested in attending
7. Office Report
8. Maintenance Update – see new business
9. Committee Reports
 - Administration Pastor Matt, Keith Larson, Trent Athmann
 - Interview team met with Sarah Hausken regarding Parish Minister position. Interview went well. Position to be offered to Sarah for \$58,800 annual with 3% pension to total \$60,564. This is in line with Synod guidelines for rostered individuals. Motion by Bob Erickson to make this offer second by Scott Johnson. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Cross of Calvary to resume covering Sarah's health insurance benefits
 - Care Team – Bobbi jo Abrahamson & Stacey Larson
 - Continue to reach out to families as needed
 - Youth Education – no report
 - Family - Elaine McDowell – no report
 - Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
 - Missions –Alex Gay
 - Letter received from SW MN Synod regarding giving from the church. Discussion held on giving for the year as we have not given anything. Motion by Kathy Reese to give \$9450 to SW MN Synod. Second by Trent Athmann. Motion passed. Keith to talk with Cheryl about sending a check for this. This puts us up to date with what we budgeted for this mission.
 - Betsy informed us they have \$2715 in their budget
 - Outreach –Pastor Matt
 - Continue with Bible Studies and worship services in the community along with visits to shut ins.
 - Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay – nothing to report
 - Technology – Pastor Matt Hausken
 - Adam Dillon and Travis Sues to work with Pastor Matt on tech needs. Continue to work on putting more of a committee together
 - Clickers signed up thru December
 - Worship & Music – Kathy Reese
 - Plan to meet this upcoming Monday

- AED Maintenance – checked

10. Old Business

- Scott to bank for signature
 - This was taken care of
- Locked safe for offering has arrived
 - Will get this placed in the office and new instructions for ushers will be completed
- Window checked with Total Glass – quote is \$276.58 to replace the window
 - Motion by Bob Erickson and second by Scott Johnson to replace the broken window in the Fellowship Hall. Motion passed. Keith to contact Skye to have her contact Total Glass to get this taken care of.
- Charge accounts at MACs hardware
 - Stacey checked and there is one charge account at MACs so no changes need to be made

11. New Business

- Endowment fund
 - Discussion held on investing the Endowment Fund into either a CD or money market account. Cheryl brought information regarding different investment options. Decision made to contact Cory Hebrink to see if he would be willing to attend the next council meeting to discuss investing some the Endowment Money and other monies as we have around \$125,000 in accounts not earning interest.

12. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Next Council Meeting, November 15th, 7:30PM

November Devotions – Keith

November communion – Keith

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> Communion <hr/> Baptism: Athmann <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School <hr/> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	6	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	8 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study <hr/> 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting <hr/> 7:45 PM Theology on Tap	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School <hr/> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	13	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	15 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study <hr/> 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting	16	17	18
19 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> Communion <hr/> 10:00 AM Sunday School <hr/> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	20	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	22 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study <hr/> 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study <hr/> 7:45 PM Theology on Tap	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Worship <hr/> NO Sunday School <hr/> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	27 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	29 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	30		

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