



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH



*That all may know
the love of God*



The Follower

2023

Hopefully all of you have been having a wonderful start to your fall season. We are starting everything up here at Cross of Calvary. October has become our new September. This was done a few years ago to help alleviate some of the stress of the hectic schedule of the beginning of the school year and sports season. This was done with the hope that starting Sunday school and confirmation at a later date would help

become a smoothie transition for everyone, but here we are! We're up and ready to go and we have some wonderful teachers for Sunday school and small group leaders for confirmation!

October is also the time that we remember the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and especially on our last Sunday, October 29, we will be celebrating the day when Martin Luther posted the 95 Thesis and started the Protestant Reformation. We will be celebrating that Sunday remembering the gift of the Reformation was putting scripture at front and center of everything, making sure scripture was accessible to all people.

And it is with that in mind that I lift up our Bible studies throughout the year. We again will be having our adult Bible study every Sunday after church in the library. This study will focus on further discussing the readings for Sunday and dig deeper into them. We will also be having our normal circle bible studies that will be meeting monthly. Jen has her Women's Bible study that will be meeting every Wednesday at 9 AM and there are more Bible studies that are in the works. Also, even though this is not a Bible study, Theology on Tap meets every other Wednesday and we are digging into a book called "The Old Testament— Israel's in your face Holy God" It is a book by Rolf Jacobson, and we are getting grounded in this overview of the Old Testament. So, if you have any questions on this, just contact the church office or myself about about the studies and how you can become involved. If you are interested in a potential Bible study or have an idea for a Bible study, we would welcome those as well.

Thank you all for your support over the last few months as we've been in the mist of staff transition. We are very thankful to have Skye Hebrink on board as our interim administrative assistant and we are looking forward to hopefully hiring a new parish minister within the month. So blessings to all of you for a wonderful month of October as we seek to grow further in our walk and life of faith together here across Cross of Calvary!

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

October Worship Assistants

Ushers: Todd Gay & Alex Gay

Acolytes: Kenley Elfering, Erika Martinson, & Elin Elfering

Clicker: Charlie Morse, Camera: Drew Gass

Communion Helper: Bobbi Jo Abrahamson

Altar Guild: Sara Benson & Sheila Pietig

Moments of Gratitude

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



gratitude

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

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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, September 20th, 2023 at 7:30 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

interested youth and get them signed up.

- Family - Elaine McDowell
 - Nothing to report
- Equipping –Pastor Matt & Keith Larson
 - Nothing to report
- Missions –Alex Gay
 - Nothing to report
- Outreach –Pastor Matt
 - Continue with Bible studies, visits and services to others in the community
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay
 - Nothing to report
- Technology – Pastor Matt Hausken
 - Clickers are set for worship
- Worship & Music – Kathy Reese
 - Kathy has been getting musicians
- AED Maintenance – checked
 - Checked and ok

9. Old Business

- Signatures changed on bank account at FM Bank – taken care of
 - Skye had her name added to account. Scott now needs to sign again as account changed.

10. New Business

- Locked safe for offering
 - Discussed getting a safe for in the office to put the offering in to keep it more secure. Stacey to order off Amazon and Ham Dinner monies to pay for this.
- Change name on account at Mac's Hardware
 - 3 accounts at Mac's. Discussed combining 2 of the accounts into 1 maintenance account
- Review accounts at B&D market
 - 3 accounts at B&D. All used for things. No change to this plan.
- Council members
 - Kirk Elfering to serve out open term until the end of this year

11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Next Council Meeting, October 11th, 7:30PM

October Devotions – Bobbi Jo

October Communion – Bobbi Jo

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	2	3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	4 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:45 PM Theology on Tap	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship Baptism: Amsden 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 11:30 3 rd Grade Bible Class	9	10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM 3 rd Grade Bible Class	11 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	16	17 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	18 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:45 PM Theology on Tap	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship NO Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	23 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	24 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	25 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	30	31 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study				

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