





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.

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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

Wednesday, September 20th,2023 at 7:30 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term



2024		2025		2026	
Alex Gay	2024*	Elaine McDowell	2025*	Stacey Larson	2026*
Kathy Reese	2024 (A)	Open	2025*	Sandra Gay	2026*
Robert Erickson	2024	Trent Athmann	2025 (A)	Bobbi Jo Abraham	ison 2026 (A)
Scott Johnson	2024	Keith Larson	2025	Open	2026

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken Parish Minister - open Administrative Assistant - Skye Hebrink (interim)

President: Keith Larson

Vice President: Bob Erickson

Treasurer: Cheryl Mallak

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions - Elaine

2. Approve minutes of *August meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Erickson, seconded by Elaine McDowell, motion passed.

3. Treasurer Report - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Alex Gay, seconded by Sandy Gay, motion passed.

• Information on Endowment Fund brought forth by Cheryl. She spoke with Gordy Blem and Cheryl to look into possible investing the money in CD or other investment so the money would continue to grow at a better rate.

4. Pastor's Report

- Worship Service & Confirmation:
 - Confirmation banquet and practice was tonight and this went well
 - Confirmation to begin for 7^{th} grade on 10/4 and 8^{th} & 9^{th} grade on 10/11.
 - Pastor would like to say "Thank You" to all who have stepped in and assisted
- Pastor has been doing the bulletin and Proclaim and reported it is going well
- 5. Parish Ministers Reports
 - Have one individual interested in the position. Interview team to work on interview date and time
- 6. Office Report
 - Things have been going well. Skye has worked with Pastor on getting confirmation and Sunday school things ready.
 - Order for envelopes for the next year has been put in
- 7. Maintenance Update
 - Carpet cleaning done last fall. Do every year or every other year?
 - Discussed carpet cleaning. Motion made by Bob Erickson and seconded by Elaine McDowell to complete carpet cleaning every other year in the even years. Motion passed
 - Window in fellowship hall has a crack looks like a rock from mowing. Not sure if this is the same one that was to get fixed or new one
 - Will have Skye contact Total Glass to have window looked at and give an estimate to fix
- 8. Committee Reports
 - Administration Pastor Matt, Keith Larson, Trent Athmann
 - Nothing to report
 - Care Team Bobbi jo Abrahamson & Stacey Larson
 - Continue to reach out to families for any food or other needs
 - Youth Education
 - Sunday School teachers are ready and Skye to have a meeting with them next week
 - Keith stated Sarah reached out to him re: Jr. High Youth Gathering. Early Bird deadline is Oct. 5 th for registration. Pastor Matt to reach out to Jeni to see if she would be willing to talk with

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

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