



The Follower 2024

April

Dear Cross of Calvary Community,

Getting people to come to church is not the mission of the church.
Yes, you read that correctly.

"The mission of Cross of Calvary is to equip individuals and families to pass on the faith in congregational life, at home and in the community, in order that all may know the love of God."

The purpose of our church is to assist people in knowing the love of God.

That happens in congregation life, at home, and in the community.

But how is love known? How is love felt?

Love is known and felt in relationship.

So really, Cross of Calvary exists to assist you in your relationship with Jesus.

Coming to church for worship, Bible study, fellowship, service, etc is certainly part of that mission, but it's not the end goal.

Coming to the church building is not the most important thing.
Your relationship with Jesus is.
Love, service, forgiveness, and purpose flow from that relationship.

Following Jesus with you,
Sister Sarah

April Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole, Dave Altmann, Darren Sagedahl
Acolytes: Sam Wohnoutka, Jonas Lang
Worship A/V: Liam Fischer, Andrew Woelfel
Communion Helper: Adam Dillon
Altar Guild: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson, Tara Amber



Mission Quilting

Our Mission Quilters have been busy! Throughout Lent they met on Thursdays to create masterpiece quilts out of fabric donations and scraps. They made over 60 quilts! 14 of them will be given to our high school graduates from Cross of Calvary and the rest will be donated to local and global ministries such as Lutheran Social Services, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran World Relief.



Thank you for contributing to the Sunday School Service Project!

We assembled 76 toiletries bags for kids and teens experiencing homelessness.

Family Promise is a non-profit based in Willmar, MN. Its mission is to provide shelter, meals and



hospitality to homeless families in the Kandiyohi County/West Central Minnesota area. This organization provides families the needed stability to move to more permanent housing.

Considering Joining Cross of Calvary as a Member? Want to explore the idea?

Please join us for a Cross of Calvary Orientation Sunday, May 5 at 11 am. Pizza and beverages will be served.



Community Garden

Are you interested in having a plot in the Community Garden this summer? It's a great place to grow plants and perhaps grow in relationships with other gardeners. The cost to rent a pre-tilled 16x24 plot is \$20. Gardeners have access to water and all the communal plants surrounding the garden such as raspberries, grapes and asparagus. Contact [Laurie](#) 320-523-1574 in the office to reserve a plot.



If you have a mailbox at church, would you be so kind as to check and empty it? Thanks!

UPCOMING

EVENTS



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church of Olivia

Drive-up* BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, April 21st, 2024 ☞ 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Menu

*Baked Ham w/Raisin & Cherry Sauce – Cheesy Potatoes
Glazed Carrots - Cole Slaw – Bun – Dessert*

Tickets \$15.00

**Enter on the east side of the church parking lot and follow the signs.* Tickets available on day of dinner. Cash accepted or checks written to Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church. We will serve until we run out. Ticket donations go toward building improvements & youth. *Hope to see you there!*

HELLO
SPRING



Installation of Sister Sarah

In January, we voted to call Sister Sarah as our Parish Minister. Because she is a rostered Deacon in the ELCA, we needed to “call” her and she will be “installed” by Bishop Dee Pederson on April, 28 at our 9 am worship service. Bishop Dee will also be preaching that day!



Prayers of Healing and Strength

Chet Boen
Carol Horrman
Ernie Clouse
Duane Flom
Family of Laurie Hogberg

Prayer concerns will now be listed for one month only. If you'd like 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.



Mission Moment

One of the missions your offering has gone to help this year is the [World Central Kitchen](#). A \$500 Donation was made by Cross of Calvary in 2023.

World Central Kitchen teams across the world provide delicious, chef-prepared meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. They have recently responded to the crises in Gaza and Ukraine.

Thank you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Elementary After School Ministries

After school ministries include snack, Bible stories, prayer, music, games, service and community in Christ. 3:15-5:00 PM

Jesus Justice League (Grades 1-2): April 4
GLUE (Grades 3-4): April 18
WOW (Grades 5-6): April 3 and 17



2024 Survivor Lock-In for students in grades 9-12

hosted at Peace Lutheran (New London, MN) in partnership with many area ELCA churches
Cost: \$40 + Registration Form + Health/Liability Waiver

April 19-20, 2024

Lock-In Includes:

- Realistic "Survivor" game show experience
- Worship
- Board Games & Fun
- Friday Supper, Saturday Breakfast, & Snacks





Jr. High Game Night

April 24 - 7:30-8:30 pm

Grades 7-9



Breakfast Club

Devotion, conversation, and breakfast at 7:07 am on Thursday mornings

Grades 10-12

If you'd like to cook for the youth, please sign up on the Board.



Senior High Youth Group

April 10, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Board/Card Games

Grades 10-12

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Confirmation 7 th grade 7:30 p.m. Senior Quilt choose	4	5	6
7	8 6 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting	9 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bible Study at Traditions	10 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 8 th and 9 th gr. 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 8 p.m. Theology on Tap	11 7:07 a.m. Breakfast Club	12 10 a.m. Bible Study at Parkview	13 9 a.m to 11:30 Bridal Shower for McKenna Lilja 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Edi Vogt Birthday party
14 9 a.m. Lions breakfast at the Legion 6 p.m. Ebenezer church meeting	15 Tax Day	16 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Traditions 11:30 a.m. Renville Cty. Food Shelf Volunteer Luncheon	17 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11 a.m. Laurie Hogberg Funeral 3:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 Confirmation 7 th gr 7:30 p.m. Church Council	18 7:07 a.m. Breakfast Club 3:15 p.m. GLUE	19	20 11 a.m. HAM DINNER AND PREP
21 11 a.m. HAM DINNER 6 p.m. ELCA Youth Gathering	22 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	23 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bible Study at Traditions	24 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Dorcas Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 8 th and 9 th gr 7:30 p.m. Jr. High Game Night 8 p.m. Theology on Tap	25 7:07 a.m. Breakfast Club	26 10:00 AM Bible Study at Parkview	27
28 9 a.m. Sarah Installation	29	30 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bible Study at Traditions				

Community Fraud Awareness Training

Help protect yourself and your loved ones from scammers, swindlers, cheats, crooks, and other no-



good, dirty, rotten people who are after your hard-earned money! Geared toward seniors and the people close to them, this 90-minute session will provide information about the latest scams and how to avoid falling victim to them.

Location: Max's Grill, 2425 W. Lincoln Ave., Olivia, MN.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Morning Snacks will be served.

Cost: FREE

For questions or to register by phone, contact Michelle at (320)235-8504 or Mid-Minnesota Development Commission.

Please complete a registration form for each person who plans to attend.

Partner funding provided by Southwest Initiative Foundation.

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

March 20th at 7:30 PM



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

2025		2026		2027	
Elaine McDowell	2025*	Stacey Larson	2026*	Jill Hanson	2027
Kirk Elfering	2025*	Sandra Gay	2026*	Kathy Reese	2027*
Trent Athmann	2025	Adam Dillon	2026	Robert Erickson	2027*
Keith Larson	2025*	Kelsie Aeikens	2026	Scott Johnson	2027*

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken

Parish Minister – Sister Sarah Hausken
Administrative Assistant – Laurie Denning

President: Keith Larson

Vice President: Jill Hanson

Treasurer: Cheryl Mallak

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Stacey
2. Approve minutes of **February meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Erickson, seconded by

Kathy Reese, motion passed.

3. Treasurer Report - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Jill Hanson, seconded by Adam Dillon, motion passed.

- February budget was short by \$4900 however the yearly budget is ahead by \$800.
- Premium paid for Work Comp. Saved as we paid for the whole year instead of quarterly

4. Pastor's Report

- Worship Service & Confirmation:
 - Just finished with Lenten Services
 - Holy week is coming up

§ Matens at 7am M-F

§ Maunde Thursday with Sedar meal

§ Good Friday services

§ Easter Services @ 6:30am and 9am

5. Parish Ministers Reports

- Sr High Youth Gathering was held in New Ulm. 7 youth attended. Thank you to Bob Erickson for driving and staying for the gathering. The youth really enjoyed having him. We have 3 youth on the LYO board: McKenna Jensen, Riley Boen and Cree Garcia. McKenna and Riley graduate this year so go off the board. Cree was re-elected to the board and Aidan Grund was also elected. Riley Boen shared a faith talk at the gathering

- Breakfast club is going well. Thank you to those have helped out with cooking.
- New curriculum for GLUE & Jesus Justice League
- Sr. High Youth group trivia will be next week
- Working with BOLD REACH program

6. Office Report

- Received notice from Sister Noreen Stevens from the ELCA that Sister Sarah's background check came back with no concerns.

7. Maintenance Update

- Continue to monitor for roof leaking

8 Committee Report

Administration - Pastor Matt, Keith Larson, Trent Athman, Bob Erickson, Scott Johnson

- Nothing to report
- Care Team – Stacey Larson
- Delivered meals to families with new babies and individual recovering from surgery
- Cross of Calvary did MOW for March. Thank you to the following for doing this: Bob Erickson, Gordy & Lynette Blem, Scott Johnson and Ken Pearson
- Youth Education – Kirk Elfering
- Nothing to report
- Family - Elaine McDowell
- This committee is going to merge with Youth Education so will become Youth and Family Education
- Equipping –Pastor Matt, Keith Larson
- Bible Studies at Traditions and Parkview continue along with nursing home services
- Theology on Tap
- Bible study during coffee hour
- Missions – Jill Hanson
- Nothing to report
- Outreach –Pastor Matt, Kelsie Aeikens
- Nothing to report
- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay

- Teamed up with Men's Group for soup supper tonight. Proceeds to go to Faith Chest materials
- Technology – Pastor Matt Hausken, Adam Dillon
- Continue to work on getting one camera replaced
- Worship & Music – Kathy Reese, Jill Hanson
- Have not met however hymns picked up to June
- Organ is making a different sound. Will contact repair man to have this looked at
- AED/Fire Extinguisher Maintenance – checked
- All good
- 9 Old Business
- Aflac.
- Discussed ALFLAC for employees. Motion made by Adam Dillon and seconded by Trent Athmann to have Cross of Calvary sponsor AFLAC for employees that are interested as long as no cost to church. Motion passed.
- All bank signatures taken care of
- All signatures for safety deposit box and checkbook have been taken care of
- 10 New business
- No new business
- 11 Motion to adjourn meeting by Kathy Reese, second by Jill Hanson, motion passed
- 12 Closing Prayer – Pastor Matt

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Next Council Meeting, April 17th at 7:30PM

April Devotions – Adam Dillon

April Communion – Adam Dillon

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