



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Follower 2024





Blessings to all of you as we begin our summer season!

Summer provides for us an excellent opportunity to take a step back. We can break from the normal routine of our often-times hectic lives.

It is with this in mind that I would like to introduce our summer worship series. It is called Unraveled. Each Sunday will focus in on one particular story from the Bible about an individual or group that has had their plans come unraveled. It is something that I believe we can all identify with in our own lives. The series seeks to answer the question of where God might be in these times of upheaval. Then we reflect on how we can faithfully respond. It is a wonderful series and it is likely you will hear stories from scripture that you are not all that familiar with.

The hard part of sermon series is always how to keep up if you miss one. That is where the wonder of technology comes in. As always, we will have each Sunday service available on line at YouTube. What I am challenging each one of us in is to take that Sabbath pause each week and reflect on this theme of Unraveled and grow in faith as a community.

God's grace and peace for a wonderful Summer!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

June Worship Assistants

Ushers: Volunteers Needed,

Please contact Head Usher, Daren Sagedahl 320-579-0159

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed. Please contact Sister Sarah 320-579-0838

Worship A/V: Gavin Johnson, Gabriel Suess

Communion Helper: Bob Erickson

Altar Guild: Sue Erickson, Kelsie Aeikens



Community Garden - 1 Plot Left!

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 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Day Camp - Invite Friends and Family!

Games, music, Bible stories, snacks and fun! Join us for Day Camp (Vacation Bible School) as counselors from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries lead this week of summer fun.

Open to students who have finished Kindergarten through 6th grades. Friends welcome!

July 8-11, 1-5 pm

Teen and adult help needed! Please contact Sister Sarah if you'd like to help. 320-579-0838

[Register Here](#)

Bible Camp

People of all ages may still sign up for Bible Camp! Cross of Calvary Youth gives \$200 towards camp fees for each member. Sister Sarah will be at Shores of St. Andrew with kids July 28-Aug 1 and at Camp House June 9-13

[Camp Registration](#)



Jr. High Game Night

7-9th grades are invited to join us for Game Night the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30 -8:30 pm.



Prayers of Healing and Strength

Chet Boen
Duane Flom
Lily Kern
Karen Revier
Phil Chavez

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 [320-579-0839](tel:320-579-0839). Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

**Special
Olympics**
Minnesota



Mission Moment

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One of the missions your offering has gone to help this year is the the Renville County Rebels Special Olympics Team

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports, training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you.

< > This Month June 2024 ▾

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council

[May 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church – Council Meeting
May 15th at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

2025

Elaine McDowell 2025*
Kirk Elfering 2025*
Trent Athmann 2025
Keith Larson 2025*

2026

Stacey Larson
Sandra Gay
Adam Dillon
Kelsie Aeikens

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

2027

Jill Hanson 2027
Kathy Reese 2027*
Robert Erickson 2027*
Scott Johnson 2027*

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken

Administrative Assistant – Laurie Denning

Parish Minister – Sarah Hausken

Treasurer: Cheryl Mallak

COUNCIL POSITIONS:

President: Keith Larson

Vice President: Jill Hanson

Recorder: Stacey Larson

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Kelsie Aeikens – done at closing
2. Approve minutes of *April 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 Sandy Gay, seconded by Scott Johnson, motion passed.
 - o April shows a deficit of over \$21,700.00. Offerings in April of \$17,072.79, and considerably lower than previous months (Jan \$41,000; Feb \$20,000; March \$28,000). The biggest extra expenditures in April were the Quarterly Synod Offering of \$9,000; Synod Assembly expenses of \$1015.00 and Youth was paid their budgeted allotment of \$2500.00. The overall annual budget shows we are still ahead by \$2268.00
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Service & Confirmation:
 - o Pastor Matt on vacation with Bjorn thru May 23rd. Sister Sarah to cover for church services on Sunday, May 19th.
5. Parish Ministers Report
 - o Sunday School was done last week. We had a great year with great teachers. Skye will continue as superintendent but looking for someone to partner with her.
 - o WOW done today – went to the Corncade for end of the year party and had a good time
 - o GLUE done tomorrow
 - o Two more breakfast clubs
6. Maintenance Update
8. Committee Reports
 - Administration - Pastor Matt, Keith Larson, Trent Athman, Bob Erickson, Scott Johnson
 - Care Team – Stacey Larson
 - Youth/Family Education – Kirk Elfering, Elaine McDowell
 - Equipping – Pastor Matt, Keith Larson
 - Missions – Jill Hanson
 - o Met on May 1st
 - Outreach – Pastor Matt, Kelsie Aeikens

- Parish Life – Elaine McDowell, Sandra Gay
- Technology – Pastor Matt Hausken, Adam Dillon
 - Met on May 1st. Reviewed equipment upstairs and did some back up and cleaned things up. Adam replaced the hard drives and computer runs more quickly. Discussed briefly Neuvera that is coming to our area. Tech team to look into this further and will report back to the council.
 - Next meeting will be next Wednesday and they are going to clean up the tech area
- Worship & Music – Kathy Reese, Jill Hanson
 - Met on 5/2 and have music planned thru summer
- AED/Fire Extinguisher Maintenance
 - Checked and good

9 Old Business

- Olivia trail project – congregational vote took place on Sunday, May 5th. Vote passed and papers have been signed by Keith and Jill

10 New business

- Motion to approve opening of a checking account for Cross of Calvary Ham Dinner using the Churches tax number and motion to authorize Jill Hanson and Stacey Larson to sign checks for this account
 - Motion by Scott Johnson and seconded by Adam Dillon to approve opening of a checking account for Cross of Calvary Ham Dinner using Cross of Calvary tax ID number at FM Bank in Olivia along with motion to approve Jill Hanson and Stacey Larson to be able to sign checks for this account. Motion passed with Jill Hanson and Stacey Larson abstaining from the vote.
- Discuss debit card for the youth account
 - Motion by Jill Hanson and seconded by Stacey Larson to approve a debit card for the Cross of Calvary Youth account at FM Bank in the name of Cross of Calvary Youth and if one card can not be put into this name approval to have two cards one in Sarah Hausken name and the other in Matt Hausken name. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve Laurie Denning to sign on safety deposit box
 - Motion by Adam Dillon and seconded by Kathy Reese to add Laurie Denning to the safety deposit box at FM Bank in Olivia.
- Discuss lawn care – hire Chad Amsden to spray/fertilize/mow
 - Lawn care individuals looking for more help to care for church, parsonage and west lawn or look to hire some help. Keith spoke with Chad Amsden and discussed spraying, fertilizing, and mowing of all the properties. Chad quoted \$150 per week for lawn care. Keith to talk with Chad about cost if he sprays, fertilizes all of the property and would just mow the west property and south outer property under pine trees. Keith to reach out to council with this quote.
- Church directory
 - 2015 was the last time the church directory was done. Discussed doing a new directory. At this time plan to look into it further and see if any individuals would be willing to head this up.
- Plunketts increasing their cost
 - Plunketts increasing their cost by 4%. We are billed every two months for general pest control and rodent control. We have a yearly contract at this time of \$764.90. This does include a fall spraying around the building for pests. At this time no change to this plan as council feels this is a service that is needed.
- Corn Capital Days
 - Received a fundraiser campaign ask from the Corn Capital Days committee for a donation. Ham Dinner to make a contribution.
- Holy Ground grant proposal

by Jill Hanson to move forward with being the fiscal host with our 501c3 status for a Lilly Endowment Grant proposal from Pastor Kayla Monson for The Holy Ground. This was after Sister Sarah and Keith Larson looked extensively at this grant and the benefits to Cross of Calvary and discussion held via email by council members. The Holy Ground is a four phased proposal for children and family ministry within SWMN Synod. Skye Hebrink agreed to be the fiscal agent for our congregation handling all book work and payroll related to this grant if awarded. Motion passed.

- Brief recap of the Lilly Endowment Grant proposal. At this time there is nothing for council to do. Will be notified this fall if we are awarded the grant.
 - Need July communion helper/devotions
 - Scott Johnson to do July communion and devotions
- 11 Motion to adjourn meeting by Bob Erickson, seconded by Jill Hanson motion passed
- 12 Closing Prayer
- ~~Kelse Aeikens~~ led council in closing devotions

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: No June meeting. Next meeting will be July 10th at 7pm

June Devotions – no meeting

June Communion – Bob Erickson

July Devotions – Scott Johnson

July Communion – Scott Johnson

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