

CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

WORSHIP SERVICES:

September 11– May13

Sunday Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
Sunday School and Coffee Hour 9:30am
Saturday Vespers 5:30 pm

Radio Broadcast of Service: Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Matt Hausken,
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Organist: Kathy Reese

Sextons: Chet & Angie Boen

Sunday School Superintendent: Jill Hanson

Council: Todd Gay, *President*

Dave Altmann	Gordy Blem	Brian Boen
Jennifer Grund	Cindy Johnson	Sandra Whited
Keith Larson	Greg Mertens	Marie Rauenhorst
Nanette Serbus	David Torgelson	

Treasurer: Curt Sather

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Volunteers are needed each Sunday. Please offer to fill in. The sign up sheet is on the BOARD or available online using Google Documents. Just ask Laurie for the link.

FEB Altar Guild—Lynnette Blem, Shirley Kircher

Communion Assts.

FEB 5	8:30am – J Hanson	10:30am – N Serbus
FEB 26	8:30am – M Rauenhorst	10:30am – N Serbus

Readers

FEB 5	8:30am - J Hanson	10:30am - N Serbus
FEB 12	8:30am -	10:30am -
FEB 19	8:30am -	10:30am -
FEB 26	8:30am - M Rauenhorst	10:30am - N Serbus

Acolytes

FEB Josie Lilja, Alen Helmer

FEB Ushers

8:30am - T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, S Malecek
10:30 am -

February Communion Dates ~ 5st & 26th

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are usually held on the *3rd Wed. of each month, beginning at 7:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall. This includes the following committees: *Parish Life, Missions, Parish Ed., Property, Technology, Worship & Music, Youth Ministry, Evangelism*

Committee Meetings—February 15 @7pm
Council Meeting—February 15 @ 8pm

Prayer Request

MILITARY – (*listed until notified of their return*)

Carolyn Wertish-Heiser, Todd Hammerschmidt, Paul Plumley, Joshua Keyser and Jake Dillon,

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Jeff Holmer	[K. Erickson]
Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]
Vlad Barnes	[L Blem]
Jim Plumley	[C Plumley]
Nikki Gleasner	[M Hanson]
Chet Boen	[A Boen]
Carrie Nicholson	[A Boen]
Gordy Blem	[L Blem]
Madison Travers	[K Barta]
Justin Lothert	[graduates of 2011]
Christie Engelmann	[S Grasmon]
Chuck and Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]
Aaron Casey	[S Alton]
Kathy More	[S Alton]
Kathy Dunkin	[S Alton]
Arlow Johnson	[S Alton]
Robert Murphy	[S Alton]

Reminder - Managing the Prayer List:

Please gain permission from those you wish to add to the prayer list.

Names will remain on the list during the month in which they were submitted and then removed.

If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

Phone: 523-1574 or 523-5857

Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

The Bazaar has big plans! Thanks to the support of our faith family, the Bazaar has enough funds to purchase new carpet for the Narthex, the education wing hallway and up the stairs!

Match the Carpet—fund raiser!

THIS IS A PAGE-TURNER →

Match the Carpet—fund raiser! Let's see about getting the carpet for the Fellowship Hall and balcony. If we order it soon, it will match the Narthex! We need 290 square yards of carpet @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation). How many square yards will you be calling your own??? Pastor says he's going to buy some yardage just so he can spill coffee on "his" carpet...ha ha!!! Check out the chart in the Narthex. Watch us shade in the square yards as donations come in! When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows:
Regular offering \$ ___ and Carpet Fund \$ ___

January Food Shelf Donations – 59 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

Please See **YOUTH Page** for **Sunday School Announcements, Gathering News, and more!**

READERS and USHERS are needed for February! Let's not be subtle about it...we need people to check their calendars and commit to signing up.

The **2012 altar flower list** is on the BOARD and ready for names. Simply sign up for a Sunday, and someone will call to assist you.

Who prepares the altar for worship? You can! The Altar Guild is looking for new members to assist with worship preparation. Directions and training are included. Call Stacey Larson for information or see Laurie. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, at 9:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

March Follower Deadline is Feb 20
Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Feb 28

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.
 523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Quilters: Meet every Thursday to make quilts for mission in the Fellowship Hall. Join them when you can at 9:00! Be done when you feel like it. There is always coffee and treats.

RESERVATIONS are required to use the church: We are such a busy facility...what a blessing! So, whenever needing to use any part of the church for an event, committee meeting, service project, fund raiser, etc., please call the office to guarantee there are no conflicts. 523-1574

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK is available!
 Larger print in a 3-ring binder for \$15

2012 offering envelopes and 2011 end-of-year statements are in your mailboxes

Church accessibility during the winter. Please call whenever you need the church opened outside of the following times. We will be happy to accommodate your needs.

Monday	8:30a – 7:00p	Craig Boen	522-0266
Tuesday	8:30a – 5:00p	Laurie Schultze	522-1199
Wednesday	8:30a – 7:00p		
Thursday	8:30a – 5:00p		
Friday	8:30a – 5:00p		
Saturday and Sunday	8:00a – 5:00p		

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 7:00pm
Thursday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 2:00pm

Where did all the kitchen towels go???? Thanks for taking the towels and wash cloths home to wash. Just, please, remember to bring them back...we are getting a bit low!

NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE

crossofcalvary.net

We are excited about the launch of the new church website. The Osthus family has dedicated this amazing ministry tool in memory of Sharon Osthus. It is a wonderful gift to the church and to our community. Check it out at crossofcalvary.net. There you will find the Follower, the weekly bulletin and the church calendar. Interact with Pastor, Chelsey and Laurie on the Faith Blog. Need to add someone to the prayer list? You can do it online! Be sure to subscribe to the Faith Blog, so you will receive notification when the Follower, the bulletin and messages from the staff are posted.

Soup Suppers

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30)
 Groups may sign up for Soup Suppers by contacting the office

Feb 22	Youth (Ash Wed)
Feb 29	Technology Team
March 7	
March 14	National Gathering
March 21	
March 28	Men's Group

Lenten book--*Making Sense of the Cross*. Order yours by February 5. Cost is \$13.00 Sign up on the BOARD. (For those who ordered earlier, you do not have to sign up again.)

Narthex Renovation

Just completed - insulation in the east and west entrances to help keep the Narthex warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Sheet rocking and finishing the new ceiling is underway. Thanks for being patient with the construction.

There are soup (\$4) and cookies (\$3) in the freezer. Drop the money off with Laurie and enjoy!

SNOW!!!

The church is looking for snow removal for the parking lots. Please call Dennis Schultze at 320-290-8676.

Up for a challenge??? Let's see if we can get the WOW treat sheet filled for the rest of the year!!!!
Check out the open dates on the BOARD & sign up. There are about 40 kids. Treats can be simple; just check with Laurie for ideas.

PICK UP your Papa Murphy's Pizza

Saturday, February 4th
from 5pm – 6:30pm
in the **PRESCHOOL ROOM.**

Use the SOUTH ENTRANCE, so we do not disturb Vespers. If you cannot pick up your order, please make arrangements to have someone do it for you.

Thank you to those who have served our faith family so well in 2011. Their time and talent are gifts for which we were blessed.

Council

Jennifer Grund	Todd Gay
Deb Knudson	Greg Mertens
Morgen Dietrich	Keith Larson
Sue Altmann	Gordy Blem
Nanette Serbus	Marie Rauenhorst
David Torgelson	Cindy Johnson

Auditing Committee

Gary Beltz
Sue Erickson
Dawn Mertens

Nominating Committee

Stacey Larson
Annmarie Sues
Tara Amberg

Endowment Committee

Dick Hagen
Brian Boen
Sandy Kubesh

Head Usher and Assistant

Steve Wertish
Dave Revier

Congregational Representative to the Synod and Conference

1yr. Term

Duane and Mary Senger
Karen Flom

Representative to the Association of Gustavus

Adolphus College

Jim & Mary Page

**PASSING
ON THE
FAITH**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

- Jan Bratsch, Connor and Tory
- Shane Malvin and Stephanie Dahl
- Larry Larson
- Reggie and Jessica Lothert, Mackenzie, Winston

Mid-Winter Get-Away.

Sat. Feb 11, from 2-4 at RenVilla Centennial Circle. Free hot dogs on the grill and root beer floats



325 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 225
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320-329-8202, (circlemn@gmail.com)

What is CIRCLE? Circle stands for:
(Creative Integration of Resources for a Cohesive Life for Everyone)

Resources include: money, time, talents, networks, community resources and supports
Our belief is that *everyone* has resources to offer and everyone has needs.

Circle's is the same as MentorWorks Too-Kinship's mission which is to establish quality relationships for the purpose of friendship, support, stability and community. You can get stuff anywhere but not with a positive caring relationship. **Our vision** is the recycling and sharing of resources for stronger communities through building community, dignity, self respect and relationships.

We value the creation of caring communities by welcoming all, valuing all, supporting all and learning from all.

We try to efficiently redistribute goods and services from individuals, businesses, and churches to individuals and families in need and to communicate availability of resources to community members in need to avoid and minimize the impacts felt by individuals and families in crisis. The faster a family gets on their feet the stronger and healthier our communities are.

CIRCLE Boutique (Thrift Store)- is a means to raise funds to support the other projects. The store is run with volunteer staff.

CIRCLE Clothing Pantry (Free household and clothing pantry)- is available free to families and individuals in need of household furniture, utensils, appliances, and clothing. The pantry moves people out of the crisis situation into a thriving situation faster. The pantry also is a segue for the mentor program and other support programs.

Summer Camps- CIRCLE applies on the behalf of disadvantaged children to summer camp opportunities in Minnesota. CIRCLE coordinates funding and transportation through other agencies and grants.

Salvation Army Vouchers- CIRCLE is a Renville County client support agency trained by the Salvation Army to provide emergency aid to families and individuals.

"Getting Ahead in a Just getting by world" Groups – CIRCLE is offering this curriculum developed by AHA Process to assist individuals and families eligible for government assistance to move out of poverty.

MentorWorks Too-Kinship is an adult to youth- one on one mentoring program that serves children in Renville County. This has been in existence for over 12 years under the fiscal responsibility of the RCW School District. The program may expand to include other mentoring relationships such as financial mentoring, teen mother mentoring, mentoring for mentally ill adults.



Pastor's Corner

February 2012

*And the Spirit **immediately** drove him out into the wilderness. (Mark 1:12)*

*Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "follow me and I will make you fish for people." And **immediately** they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. **Immediately** he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. (Mark 1:16-20)*

Immediately. Three times it appears in the first chapter of Mark. It sets the tone for the whole chapter and the whole Gospel of Mark. In the Gospel that really doesn't have a birth narrative of Jesus at all, we start at some vague sense of a beginning (beginning of time, the new beginning that is talked about in Isaiah, the coming of Jesus on earth?) And, then we are launched into the baptism and ministry of Christ. There is a sense of urgency that is hard to miss in this gospel. It is right now. It is not something to think about and get back to later. It is not some project for spare time. It is not something that will happen at some future date. Nor is it something that we can do when we get a round to it.

In high school we read Zig Zigler's book See You at the Top! He manufactured wooden circular chips that simply said "Tuit." The punch line was that he had heard people say that they would do such and such when they "got a round tuit." So, he would pass out these "Round Tuits" and would say now you have no more excuses. You have a "Round Tuit." Now you have to get done what you have always set aside.

In the gospel of Mark, we are given a "Round Tuit". The time for us as the readers of this Gospel is to plunge in right now. The Good News of Jesus Christ is for right now. Immediately. The Good News is not about some future that is waiting for us. It is about right now. Immediately.

There is grace abounding in this...immediately. There is no time for preparation or getting your ducks in a row. You are ready right now. It takes away any sense that we have to earn our status as Christians. Because we are given the call--right now, immediately.

As we venture into our Lenten season, may we hear Christ's call to us, and may we experience the immediacy of his grace, of his Gospel, of our lives in him.

A blessed month of February to all of you!

God's grace and peace!

Pastor Matt



Hello All!


I welcome each of you to take a look at the youth even...

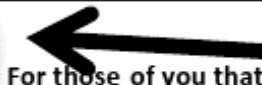
*Find one that speaks to you, think about all your God-given gifts and abilities, and put them to work!

YOU are always welcome to grow your faith as we walk alongside each other.

- Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation cocfyouth@gmail.com Facebook: Chels Plumley

Check out the Faith Blog at www.crossofcalvary.net Chelsey will be writing every Tuesday.

<p>UPCOMING YOUTH/FAMILY EVENTS FEBRUARY</p> <p>1st – No Wednesday Program: All Staff Gone</p> <p>4th – Pick up your pizzas 5-6:30 in the Nursery</p> <p>5th – Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>8th – Cooking Club</p> <p>12th – NOG Potluck Supper - 5:30 pm - youth participants and parents.</p> <p>18th – Graceful Parenting</p> <p>22nd – YOUTH hosted Lenten soup supper</p> <p>19th Mardi Gras Breakfast – 9:30 Hosted by our National Gathering Group to New Orleans - Camp Sunday. get all the info for your favorite camps.</p> <p>26th – Sr High Group – Bowling @ 5:30</p> <p>MARCH</p> <p>4th – FUEL @ CCOC 6:30-8</p>	<p><i>Graceful Parenting</i></p> <p>February 18th 10:30 AM And each 2nd Sat of the month Cross of Calvary Library Family, Frustrations, Fellowship, Faith. A support group for parents with kids of ANY age. Snacks provided Come to get advice, give advice, or just be with adults! *childcare will be provided.</p>	<p>Attention parents Bridge Builders: Parents along with their children AGE 0- KINDERGARTEN YOU are your child's first teacher. Begin singing "Jesus Loves Me" even before they learn their "A,B,C's"! Feb 12th 9:30 Pastor Matt and Chelsey will lead you in a simple Bible lesson; you turn and lead your child in the lesson provided. What a great way to start practicing and passing on the faith!</p>
<p>COFFEE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Feb 5 – M. Iverson, D. Stovern, P. Mogard, T. Rock</p> <p>Feb 12 - OPEN</p> <p>Feb 19 – Mardi Gras Breakfast hosted by our NOG</p> <p>Feb 26th – D.Sagedahl, S.Whited, D.Steffel, S.Torkelson</p> <p>March 4th – K. Holland, R. Pietig, D. Frank, R. Serbus</p>	<p><i>cooking club!</i></p> <p>Grades 6-8, from 4:30 – 6:00 January 25th and Feb 8th Gr. 6-8 - join Chelsey at 4:30 to cook, eat, and have some fun in the kitchen, cooking and serving supper. Still in need of donations!! Follow the menu on the YOUTH board, bring in the food, and we'll do the work for you!</p>	<p>Sr High: 10-12 gr. Cross of Calvary along with Our Saviors Church of Bird Island want to see you February 26th Bowling at the Olivia Bowl 5:30-7 PM</p>
<p>WOW & weewow present SOUPER BOWL OF CARING February 5th, donations of food or money appreciated to help those in need.</p>		



Beignets... need I say more?

For those of you that attended our National Gathering Breakfast back in September you know just how delectable they were!
If you didn't, come and taste for yourself.
Handmade from scratch, these are a



Join us Feb 19th for another delicious breakfast celebrating New Orleans tradition of Mardi Gras and raising money for our youth attending the National Gathering July 2012.

Getting Information off the Internet is like taking a drink from a fire hydrant. -Mitchell Kapor

We are all linked in and logged on. That means our kids are too; and although some of it is scary, maybe we can point our kids in the right direction. Each month I will be highlighting a kid-friendly website that promote creativity and education **These sites are safe, monitored, screened and FUN!**



I am not promoting the use of the computers over active play or family activities, but let's face it - it's there, and they'll be using it.

1. Activitytv.com This site has new things added to it everyday. There is always something new to learn, create, or do! This site's activities are intended for parents and their children to do together. There are tons of options, including: science experiments, music, drawing cartoons, cooking, family projects and much more. If you have CABLE with the ON DEMAND feature, you can find some of these projects in the "ON DEMAND" menu.
Each project has a video, instructions, and review made by kids