This Week at Cross of Calvary: Feb 19-26

Sunday

8:30 & 10:30am Worship

9:30am Sunday School / Mardi Gras Brkfst

7:00pm CLOCK meets for FUEL

Tuesday

6:15, 7:00am Men's Bible Study-Church

Wednesday

9:00am Men's Bible Study @ Parkview

1:00pm Ash Wed service

3:15pm WOW/WeeWOW/Kids' Choirs

5:30-6:30pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Ash Wed service / Confirmation

Thursday

7:07am Breakfast Club 9:00am Quilting

9:30am Dorcas Study

Saturday

5:30 pm Vespers / Communion

Sunday

 $8{:}30\ \&\ 10{:}30\ am\ Worship\ /\ Communion\ /\ Kids\ 'Choirs$

9:30am Sunday School / Camp Sunday

1:00pm Golden Living (FCA)

5:30pm CLOCK

February 27

Ruth Study

28 Assemble the FOLLOWER 1pm 29 Soup Supper/ Lent Service

Table Praver for the Week

Loving God, you change us with your love. May we reflect the grace and truth of that love each day. May we be able to see the transforming power of your love each day. May this food strengthen us in faithful and loving service in your name. Amen.

Website: crossofcalvary.net

<u>Prayer</u>

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]
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]

Mary Ann Kubesh [K Ziesmer]

Mike Bruns [M Brown Family]

Betsy Hennen [B Hennen]
Aaron Casey [S Alton]
Kathy More [S Alton]
Kathy Dunkin [S Alton]
Arlo Johnson [S Alton]
Robert Murphy [S Alton]

Theresa Buesgens [L Baumgartner] Verna Mertz [R Mertz]

Verna Mertz [R Mertz] Mark Gregoire [D Boen]

Kristin Luckey

Ronald Hayek
Al Engstrom
Mike Gregoire
Andy Lang

[M Bently]
[R Linde]
[D Boen]
[S Lang]

Praise

Thought we'd try something NEW! We are looking forward to offering praise and thanksgiving for health and wellness, births, marriages, anniversaries, etc. Directions are below:

Adding loved ones to the Prayer and Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews or use the Prayer Requests page at our website - crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

VOLUNTEERS are **NEEDED**.

Please consider offering your time to assist with worship – usher, reader, communion assistant, special music, run the screen

<u>FEB Altar Guild</u>—Lynnette Blem, Shirley Kircher Communion Assts.

 MAR 26
 8:30 - M Rauenhorst
 10:30 - N Serbus

 Readers
 FEB 26
 8:30 - M Rauenhorst
 10:30 - N Serbus

 MAR 4
 8:30 - J Hanson
 10:30

Acolytes

FEB Josie Lilja, Alen Helmer

FEB Ushers

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS for signing up to serve on Sundays! Your dedication to assisting with worship is a blessing!!!

Announcements

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

 Tuesday
 8:30a - 5:00p
 522-0266

 Wednesday
 8:30a - 7:00p
 Laurie Schultze

 Thursday
 8:30a - 5:00p
 522-1199

 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

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.

523-1574 or <u>crossofcalvary@gmail.com</u>

Bulletin Deadline for this week is MONDAY, Feb 20

Narthex Renovation

Wow! Doesn't the chocolate brown highlight our beautiful woodwork, as well as the brick? Look for oak trim to be installed around the ceiling. And, just wait until the carpet goes in...a week from Monday!

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITES require a RESERVATION: We are blessed to be a very busy church. So, when using any part of the church for a meeting, service project, event, fund raiser, etc., please call the office to guarantee there are no conflicts. 523-1574

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

Larger print in a 3-ring binder for \$15

Soup Suppers

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30) Enjoy fellowship, a hearty bowl of soup and support the various ministry/missions of the church.

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

NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE crossofcalvary.net

Have you subscribed to the Blog yet? As a subscriber, you will receive email notices when that church staff posts on the Blog. Don't worry; we won't clutter your in-box. Chelsey and Pastor send a message just once a week, and Laurie publishes the weekly bulletin. And...the Follower also is published on the Blog!!!!

CARPET for the fellowship hall & balcony!

Check out the chart in the Narthex.

Assemble the MARCH Follower

1pm on Feb 28

Feb 23 Dorcas Study. Please remember to bring \$8 for the study book.

Feb 26th - Camp Sunday! All children, grades 2 and up, will have a chance to win one of six \$50 scholarships to apply to their camp registration fee! Please put your name in the box in the Narthex. Camp brochures and registration forms will be handed out during Opening for Sunday school. Parents can talk to Cheryl Mallak about your child's youth account balance, about starting an account or for any further camp information.

Youth Board is looking for new members. Youth Board helps support the Ministry of Faith Formation by making financial decisions, discussing and assisting with programs, events and fundraising. Anyone interested please contact Chelsey 523-1574 or Cheryl 523-5029.

COMMUNITY BOARD - EAST ENTRANCE!

Be a Winner Chicken Dinner – Kiwanis for Kids. Tuesday, Feb 28, 4:30-7:30. Chicken dinner with all the good stuff!!! Master's Coffee Shop/CCOC. Free-will offering.

Danube Lions Waffle Brunch Danube Community Center, Sat., Feb. 25 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Free will donation. Carry-out trays available @ \$6.00

The Olivia Lions Club will be having a CHILI SUPPER Monday, February 20th, at the Olivia Community Center. Serving from 5 - 7. Free will donation. Proceeds will be used for projects in your community. Also, the After Prom Committee will be selling DQ Dilly Bars for dessert.

Lenten Breakfast: Renville First Lutheran Church Feb 22. 9:00am. There is a sign-up sheet on the board for those interested in carpooling.



27 down...hundreds to go!!!!

Please take the time to update your contact information on the sheet provided in the pew. Simply put it in the offering plate. Or send the information electronically to Laurie at crossofcalvary@gmail.com

MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS: There are 5 extra copies of our Lenten study book. They can be found in the Narthex on the window seat. Please put your payment of \$13 in the envelope and place in Laurie Schultze's church mailbox

MEALS ON WHEELS: Cross of Calvary is scheduled to deliver meals for the next 5 weeks, beginning Monday, Feb. 27th through Apr. 1st. A sign-up sheet is on the BOARD. Maps for the north and south routes are in the office. Choose a route; choose your days – a week at a time, or a day here and there. THANKS!

Mission Note

Our Lenten journey is one of reflection through prayer and meditation. Prayer and meditation leads us to action. The Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise Appeal is collecting different school items each week in Lent to assemble school kits that give children essential items to learn and work toward better futures. It also costs money to distribute these Baskets of Promise. Cross of Calvary's Mission Committee is appealing to each of you to offer dollar bills in support of the distribution of these and other comfort items.

Cost to deliver each item:

 Quilt \$2.25
 School Kit
 \$1.40

 Personal Care Kit
 \$2.65
 Fabric Kit
 \$1.00

 Baby Care Kit
 \$1.30
 18 lbs. Soap
 \$11.60

Let's be the WINGS of Promise

Prayerfully consider bringing a \$1.00 to each Wed and Sat/Sun worship services during Lent. Leave your gift in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary.



Registration and payment of \$20 are due no later than Feb 27th

Name: Phone: Email: Please make checks payable to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 1103 W Chestnut Ave Olivia, MN 56277 Confirmation of your registration and follow-up information will be sent to you after the registration form and fees are received.	Type of craft
Please check the meals for which you will be joining us: Friday 10am breakfast 3:30pm lunch Saturday 10am breakfast 3:30pm lunch	BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED John 10:10

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 \$ ____

WE ARE AT 68% of our GOAL for the FELLOWSHIP HALL





CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were scared. What did you do?
- In Mark 9:2-9 we hear about an amazing experience that Peter, James and John had one day. How do you think you would have reacted?
- God spoke from the cloud and told Jesus' disciples to listen to Jesus. How does listening to Jesus help us when we are scared or fearful?

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If your congregation does not have a worship service, you can observe Ash Wednesday (February 22) in your home. Mark one another with ashes made by burning some paper and crushing it into fine ashes. Then, mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn back to God and believe in Jesus, your Savior.

SERVICE:

Make this week "secret service" week in your home. Put your household member's names in a hat and have each person draw out someone else's name. They are to do some form of "secret service" for that person during the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

This week, Lent begins! Begin your household preparations by observing Shrove Tuesday (February 21). The name "shrove" comes from the practice of being "shriven" – going to church, confessing your sins and being forgiven – before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes known as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Here are some ideas for Shrove Tuesday:

- Have a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you might wish to give up for Lent to help you prepare spiritually for Holy Week.
- Have a household party with special dessert foods, party hats and an "Alleluia" sign. Prepare a box, covered with purple paper and a foil cross on top. Eat your meal, sing a party song, and welcome in Lent with noisemakers. At the end of the meal, "bury" the noisemakers and the "Alleluia" sign in the box. Open the box again on Easter Sunday.





The transfiguration of Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Mark 9:2-9

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Sunday

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" Mark 9:7 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we're very grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light shine in your heart so that you know and listen to Jesus. Amen.

TODAY

Justin Lothert Benefit Dinner

Son of Mitch and Chris (Koupal) Lothert

Menu:

Nenu:
Beef in Gravy over Mashed Patatoes
with Corn, Coleslaw, and Cake

Sunday, February 19th

Serving from 11 AM to 2 PM

St. Mary's Church Hall

Bird Island, MN



Free Will Offering - proceeds will go toward Justin's medical expenses.



SUMMER CAMP Information: GRADES 2-12

camp informational meeting february 26th 9:30 am

thinking about camp??

Parents and kids gr 2-12 come to get all the info about cost, different camps, and events throughout the year.

Don't forget to put your name in for a chance to win a camp

Scholarship!

Put your name in to win a \$50 scholarship! You may only enter once

We will draw 6 names!



Souper Bowl of Caring update:

Bill Miller dropped off our donations this past week to the Renville County Food Shelf.

Total: We donated 52 food items, and \$430!
Thank you all so much for making this a success to help others!

Sr. High Gathering!

WHEN: March 30-31st WHERE: Mankato

SPEAKER: Pastor Matt Hausken

BAND: Avian Sunrise Cost: (no more than) \$95

Get your \$50 deposit to Chelsey by Feb 19th Small Group leader and LYO applications available!



The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, directed by Robert Murphy, Andrew Peterson, and Richard Alton will present "How Can I Keep From Singing, Songs of the American Spirit" at 4:00 pm on April 1, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 220 S. 10th St., Bird Island, MN. This concert will feature a wide variety of American orchestral and choral music including Patriotic, Folk, Spiritual, Contemporary and Pop.

During the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Renville County Food Shelf. The concert is cosponsored by the Thrivent Community - Redwood Area members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The Chorus and Orchestra has been performing in Renville County to benefit the food shelf for years and in the last 15 years has raised over \$25, 700.

The concert is free and no tickets are required The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra is an all-volunteer group and receives no compensation for their performance.

The concert is free and no tickets are required. Everyone is welcome!

