

This Week at Cross of Calvary: Feb 26 - Mar 4

Sunday	CAMP SUNDAY
8:30 & 10:30am	Worship / Communion / Kids' Choirs
9:30am	Sunday School / Camp Sunday
1:00pm	Golden Living (FCA)
5:30pm	CLOCK
Monday	
1:30pm	Ruth Study
Tuesday	
6:15, 7:00am	Men's Bible Study-Church
1:00pm	Assemble the FOLLOWER
Wednesday	
9:00am	Men's Bible Study @ Parkview
3:15pm	WOW/WeeWOW/Kids' Choirs
5:30-6:30pm	Soup Supper
7:00pm	Lent Service / Confirmation
Thursday	
7:07am	Breakfast Club
9:00am	Quilting
1:00pm	Library reserved
Saturday	
5:30 pm	Vespers / Communion
Sunday	
8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship / Communion
9:30am	Sunday School / Coffee Hour
12:00pm	FH reserved
6:30pm	FUEL @ CCOC
March	
9	Fellowship Hall reserved
15-17	Craft Retreat – FH
25	Ham Dinner

Table Prayer for the Week

Gracious and loving God, bless us as we begin our Lenten journey. May it be one where we discover more and more about our faith and how you are living and moving in our lives and the salvation you have won for us. Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us as we grow in faith. Amen.

Prayer

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]
Kristin Luckey	
Ronald Hayek	[M Bently]
Al Engstrom	[R Linde]
Mike Gregoire	[D Boen]
Andy Lang	[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 & office, or use the Prayer 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

MAR Altar Guild—D Beckler, M Rauenhorst
Kristi O'Neill

Communion Assts.

Mar 4 and 18 8:30 – G Blem 10:30 – K Larson

Readers

MAR 4 8:30 – J Hanson 10:30 –D Torgelson
MAR 11 8:30 - 10:30-
MAR 18 8:30 - 10:30- S Hausken
MAR 25 8:30 - 10:30-

Acolytes

MAR Kiah Morse Hunter Evenson

MAR Ushers

8:30am - M Hanson, M Hanson, V Wertish, B Wertish
10:30 am – D Knudson, D Knudson, D Revier, P/E Revier

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 522-0266 Laurie Schultz 522-1199
Tuesday	8:30a – 5:00p	
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

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

Assemble the MARCH Follower
1pm on Feb 28

Narthex Renovation

The Narthex and hallway carpet goes in...starting on Monday!

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.

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| 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!!!!

MEALS ON WHEELS

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED
Takes approximately 45 minutes

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

Website: crossofcalvary.net

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.

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!

46 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

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES 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

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.



Scrap/Craft/Quilt
SPRING Retreat

March 15-17

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

Name: _____	Type of craft _____
Phone: _____	Est. arrival _____ dep. _____
Email: _____	Preferred soda _____
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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help set up at 4pm Thurs. <input type="checkbox"/> I can help tidy up on Sat. night <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in card making and have included the \$10 fee	
Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:	
Friday 10am breakfast _____ 3:30pm lunch _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED... John 10:10 </div>
Saturday 10am breakfast _____ 3:30pm lunch _____	

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



DAILY BIBLE READINGS: 

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.

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus is tempted by Satan
Tuesday	Luke 22:39-46	Pray that you will not fall
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	God will provide a way out
Thursday	Hebrews 2:10-18	Christ helps those tempted
Friday	1 Peter 3:18a	Christ died for our sins
Saturday	Psalms 77	Prayer for God's help
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Christ died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. Christ did this to bring you to God.
1 Peter 3:18a (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord God, help us when we are tempted. Make us strong to do what is right. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
For food in a world where many walk in hunger; for faith in a world where many walk in fear; for friends in a world where many walk alone; we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God help you when you are tempted, and lead you along good paths. Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is temptation? Share about a time when you felt tempted.
- Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, where he was tempted by Satan. What do you think it was like for Jesus to spend that time alone in the desert?
- How did Jesus fight Satan's temptations? How does God help us when we are tempted?

In Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, Luther shares his thoughts on the sixth part of the Lord's Prayer – Lead us not into Temptation:

What does this mean? God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

DEVOTIONS:

Cut out 2x4 inch strips of purple-colored paper. Each evening during Lent, gather prayer suggestions from those in your household. Write or symbolize each petition on a paper strip. After you have prayed together, glue or staple the strips into a paper chain, which will grow throughout Lent. Drape it somewhere in your home as a reminder to pray. Watch and wait for God's answers to your prayers.

SERVICE:

As a household, decide not to buy a special treat item that you would normally buy each week, or to set aside the money you might have spent on eating out. At the end of March, use what you have saved to buy food items to donate to a community food shelf or food pantry.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Make a "crown of thorns" wreath to serve as a home devotional feature. Make or purchase a grapevine wreath to use as the base. Insert six purple candles, one for each remaining week of Lent, and a white candle to represent Christ. Light one candle for this next week, two candles for the week after, and so on. Begin Holy Week (on Palm Sunday) with all of the candles lit, then extinguish one candle each night thereafter. Light the Christ candle as you celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

