TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, what we have inherited from you is beyond our wildest imaginations! You have given us the grace to be called your beloved children. This has been won for us by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Strengthen us in the power of your promises. May we not only know their joy, but live their joy as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus! Be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed." Amen.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Elaine Julius	M Hausken	Chase Lykken	S Kubesh
Justin Lothert	Classmates 2011	Diana Adkins	B Hennen
Loraine Smith	S Schlomann	Cristel Enstad	F Johnson

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries Jens Gylland and Anders Gylland – deployed to Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Summer sun...and rains.

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

-Please gain permission.

-Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at crossofcalvary.net -Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

11 Sun	Worship	9:00 am
12 Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
13 Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
14 Wed	Classroom reserved	3:00-6:30pm
	Committee Meetings	6:00pm
	Council Meeting	7:00pm
15 Thurs	Community Meal/Worship	5:45/6:30pm
17 Sat	Confirmation Retreat	
18 Sun	Worship	9:00 am

COMMUNION Aug 15, 18

DEADLINE for the summer bulletins is on Wednesday, by noon.

Remember...there is no August Follower. Look for the September Follower for information about Fall events.

Gear Up for fall. Committees will meet this Wednesday at 6:00pm to make ready for fall programs, events and activities.



Summer Coffee Hour. Youth groups are not scheduled to serve during the summer, so each Sunday is available for groups or individuals to sign up.

No screen for worship? Additional volunteers are needed. Catch up with Laurie at Thursday worship. See what "clicking" is all about. Ask questions, give it a try.

VOLUNTEERS for August

Communion – T Gay Ushers 9:00 – J Jandl, C Jandl, W Stucke, S Wertish Altar Guild – S Larson, A Dietrich, S Iverson





What's blooming in the church gardens?

Several varieties of day lilies! Also look for hosta, mums, hydrangeas, cone flowers, sage, bee balm, grasses, and that big green thing covered with yellow flowers!

COMMUNITY MEALS are being served on Thursday evenings from 5:45-6:30, with worship to follow. Remember, there is no meal/worship on July 25 or August 8.

Serving for the Community Meal:

DateNEED 2-4 SERVERS08/15/2013Clare Lund and others08/22/2013Colin and Ronda Berg08/29/2013Tara Amberg and family

Please remember...donations of cookies, bars and chips are appreciated.

FOOD DRIVE for Renville County Food Shelf at B&D Market

Thursday, Aug 15. 9am-6pm. Place non parishables in the cart at the end of the checkout. Monitary donations are also accepted.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor is available and eager to make visits whenever there is an illness or a hospitalization, here or in the cities. Have a family member or friend **notify the church**, so Pastor can be made aware of the need. You may also request that hospital staff call the church on your behalf.

Large Print Bulletins are available on the display rack or from an usher.



Pastor Matt's Podcast!!

The Faithful 15 is a weekly, 15-minute podcast that will recharge and regenerate you to go out and live your life in faith and discipleship throughout the week. To listen visit <u>www.crossofcalvary.net</u>

COMMUNITY BOARD

- Renville County Senior Expo is Thurs, Sept 26th
- Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's is Oct 5^{th}

Spiritual Blessings

Ephesians 1:1-14

Key Verses: "In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:11-12 **Time:** about 62 A.D.

Background: The apostle, Paul, visited Ephesus twice. The first visit he stayed for 3 months. The second time, he stayed for 3 years. Since Ephesus was instrumental in reaching those in Asia Minor, he devoted a great deal of time founding and building up the church there. The church was founded for residing Jews and Hellenists, whose

religious and cultural views and behaviors differed greatly. The letter to the Ephesians addresses the hostility these differences created. For Paul, unity within the church was crucial to building a strong community of faith there.

Paul (rather, an author writing in his name) emphasized the sacrificial nature of Christ's work. By doing so, he hoped to encourage the lifting up, rather than the tearing down, of one another's practices and perspectives.

Community: What spiritual gifts define your community of faith most strongly? How do you use those gifts to build the church and to serve others? What could be changed to lessen division and strengthen the work of the church?

At Home: What spiritual blessings has God given to you? How might you use those this week to further God's work in the world?

Read This Week:

Monday: *Great Commission*, Luke 24:44-47 Tuesday: *Prayer*, Ephesians 1:15-23 Wednesday: *Building the Church*, Ephesians 2:1-10 Thursday: *Function of the Church*, Ephesians 3:1-6 Friday: *Function of the Church*, Ephesians 3:7-13 Saturday: *Function of the Church*, Ephesians 3:14-21

Next Week: Building the Church, Ephesians 2:11-22

