### TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, you defend us from all things that threaten us. Help us to trust in your grace and in your protections. May we know we have been given the armor to weather any battle. Because of this, there is nothing that can separate us from you ever again. Make us strong in this promise. Bless now the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen our bodies and may your presence strengthen our spirits. Amen!

### PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Phyllis Berninger K Barta		Chase Lykken	S Kubesh
Justin Lothert	Classmates 2011	Diana Adkins	B Hennen
Loraine Smith	S Schlomann	David Louis	A Boen
Leslie Sagedahl	D Sagedahl	Judy Hanson	J Hanson
Maddy Travers	K Barta	Mary Page	J Page
John Lothert	C Lothert		

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

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The routine of the school year.

### 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

01 Sun	Worship	9:00 am	
02 Mon	Labor Day – office closed		
	Library reserved	2:00-4:00pm	
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm	
03 Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am	
04 Wed	Confirmation Meal	5:45pm	
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm	
06 Fri	Rehearsal	5:00pm	
07 Sat	Wedding-Bauman/Mitchell	3:30pm	

08 Sun

Worship/Rally Sunday School Baptism – Helmer 8:30 & 10:30am 9:30-10:20am 10:30am

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

**COMMUNION** September 15

DEADLINE for the bulletin is on Thursday, by noon.



**Coffee Hour. Youth groups will again be doing coffee starting September 15<sup>th</sup>.** Until then, coffee hour is open to other groups for fund raising. Keep an eye on the Coffee Hour List for openings for your group.

Additional volunteers are needed. Laurie is happy to meet with you to show you how easy it is to run the screen. Give it a try!

### **VOLUNTEERS for September**

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem
Ushers Sept 1, 9am—M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch 8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch 10:30— D Senger, D Steffel
Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish
Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

# RALLY IS NEXT SUNDAY !!!

Worship 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:30-10:20

**REMINDER** ---- Parents will accompany their child(ren) to their Sunday school class. See an overview of what's in store this year. Connect with the teacher, and participate with your kid(s). Be sure to update your contact information. Treats for everyone in the classrooms!!

Blessing of school bags at 8:30 and 10:30 Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bibles at 10:30



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY** - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for <u>emergencies and pastoral care</u>. Simply call 523-1574. The answering system will direct you to the number for the staff member needed, and emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

**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.



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. To listen visit <u>www.crossofcalvary.net</u> A FEW GOOD MEN??? Looking for help loading and unloading the dishwasher for funeral luncheons. Please contact Marlys.

### Fall Craft Retreat

Oct 31-Nov 2 Look for registration information in the bulletins and in the Narthex. Blue Jeans Sunday September 22 Beginning at 9:30 Gather with our Faith Family and lend a hand to clean the church and grounds . Various chores will be listed throughout the building. Wear your jeans, stay for as long as you can. More hands and friendly faces make the work go quickly!

### ON THE COMMUNITY BOARD

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Harvest Fest is Sept 22 at Parkview Village
- Renville County Senior Expo is Thurs, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>
- Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's is Oct 5<sup>th</sup>
- Women's Bible Study Every Wed morning, a group of women in our community gather at the Master's Coffee Shop at 8:30 a.m. to pray and study the Bible together. We will be having a short, 5-week book study beginning September 11 on Ann Voskamp's book <u>1000 Gifts</u>. Ann Voskamp invites us to slow down, to learn how to live the full life of eucharisteo (with grace, thanksgiving, joy) regardless of circumstances. If you would like to be a part of this study, let Claire Lund know that you would like a book (\$8). The study includes a DVD and the discussion will be led by Jola Johnson.
- Woodland Centers to provide "Youth Mobile Crisis Service" for Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Lac Qui Parle, Renville and Swift counties. Information is on the Community Board or call 320-231-9158.

## Armor of God

**Key Verse:** "Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

Time: about 62 A.D.

**Background:** Paul used imagery of weapons and war to describe the battles that rage on the earth between good and evil. He encouraged the community of faith to adorn themselves with weapons of spirit: truth, righteousness, proclamation of peace, faith, salvation, and God's word. With these, the "spiritual forces of evil" (6:12) could be fought. Paul recognized that the battles that mattered were not physical battles between people, but spiritual battles that could only be fought and won by the power of God.

**Community:** What spiritual battles are being lost in your community? How might you make a difference to those in your community so that those battles can be turned? Who will you rally? What spiritual weapons will you use?

At Home: How does battle imagery inform your understanding of good and evil? What other images might help move you to action against such evils as poverty, abuse, hunger, or injustice?

### **Read This Week:**

Monday: *Temptation of Christ*, Luke 4:5-8 Tuesday: *Example of Paul*, Philippians 3:1-16 Wednesday: *Imitating Christ*, Philippians 3:17-4:1 Thursday: *Exhortation*, Philippians 4:2-9 Friday: *Philippian Gift*, Philippians 4:10-20 Saturday: *Conclusion*, Philippians 4:21-23

Next Week: Creation, Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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#### **Facility Hours**

Mon – Thurs	8:30-7:00
Fri – Sun	8:30 - 2:00

