

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 22, 2013



THE READING

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give

to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

***GOSPEL** John 1:50-51

⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

COMMUNION – October 6, 20

TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, you draw near to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. May your gracious presence give us the strength to face our fears knowing that nothing can separate us from the love that you have given to us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. We say this as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus! Be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen!"

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

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Phyllis Berninger	<i>K Barta</i>	Chase Lykken	<i>S Kubesh</i>
Justin Lothert	<i>Classmates 2011</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jeanie Miller	<i>M Hanson</i>	David Louis	<i>A Boen</i>
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Dan Rasmussen	<i>C Jandl</i>
Maddy Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Mary Page	<i>J Page</i>
John Lothert	<i>C Lothert</i>	Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>
Millie Larson	<i>K Larson</i>	Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>
Leanne Miller	<i>K Grasmon</i>	Katelynn Rae Wahus	<i>S Alton</i>
Sara Mallak	<i>L Schultze</i>	Delbert Wenzel	<i>M Hausken</i>
Jane Grisso	<i>C Lund</i>		

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland, James Whitcomb and Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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.

VOLUNTEERS for September

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem
Ushers 8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch
10:30— D Senger, D Steffel
Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish
Acolytes Abby Sigurdson, Eva Larson



Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

THIS WEEK

22 Sun	Blue Jeans Sunday	
	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Golden Living Service	1:00pm
	Altar Guild – Library	5:30
23 Mon	Ruth Circle – Parkview	1:30pm
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
	October Follower Deadline	
24 Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Assemble the Follower	1:00pm
25 Wed	1st Communion Class/WOW	3:15pm
	Confirmation Meal	5:45pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
26 Thur	Dorcas Circle	9:00am (changed)
	Brownies Rm 8	5:30-7:15pm
27 Sat	Worship	5:30pm

28 Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Baptism - Kingery	10:30am
	Baptism – Honzay	11:45am

DEADLINE for the bulletin is Thursday at noon.

COMING UP in October

- 03 Breakfast Club begins
- 06 Weis Baptism
- 09 NO Confirmation
- 16 NO Wed programming
- 20 Golden Living Center Service
- 21 November Follower Deadline
- 23 No WOW
- 23 Confirmation Banquet, Committee Meetings, Council
- 24 Dorcas Circle, LSS Retreat
- 26 Blem Wedding (off site)
- 27 Confirmation of 10th Graders
- 28 Ruth Circle
- 29 Assemble the Follower
- 30 3rd Grade Bible Class begins
- 31 Women’s Craft Retreat begins (Oct 31-Nov 2)



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!

Coffee Hour.

- Sept 22 Blue Jean Sunday
- Sept 29 Youth



- Oct 6 OPEN
- Oct 13 Youth
- Oct 20 OPEN

When needing to borrow anything from church,
please check in with the office.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. 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

The Snowflake Bazaar is *December 7* from 11 to 1. When doing your Christmas baking and projects, please keep the bazaar in mind. We will also be doing the Christmas attic and progressive auction. Items can be left at church but please label them.

“A Change of the Guard?” The ladies that have chaired the bazaar for the past 19 years have decided this will be their last year. They would be happy to assist anyone who is willing to take over. This is a very worthwhile event which brings fellowship to our church and also a considerable amount of money. Many projects have been completed throughout the church with this money as well as tithing to community and school projects.

Comfort Meals. Cross of Calvary members are providing comfort meals for Jim and Mary Page on Tues. and Wed. evenings. There are two ways to sign up.

1 – Online by going to www.takethemameal.com

Recipient last name: *page* Password: *marypage*

2 – Call Laurie at the office 523-1574 or 522-1199.



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 www.crossofcalvary.net

VOLUNTEER	COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPS
	Equipping the Congregation	Eric Skeie, Sandy Whited Cindy Johnson
	Outreach	David Torgelson, Marie Rauenhorst
	Administration	Gordy Blem, Todd Gay, Keith Larson Dave Altmann, Michelle Jensen,
	Youth Ministry	Natashia Johnson

Committees will meet at 7pm, one Wednesday evening each month, on the same night Council meets.

God's work. Our hands.

**Wednesday
October 23**

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD

- **Renville County Senior Expo** is Thurs, Sept. 26
- **Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's** is Oct. 5
- **BOLD FFA Pancake Breakfast** is Oct. 16. 6am-9am at the BOLD Ag Shop. Free will donation.
- **Woodland Centers to provide "Youth Mobile Crisis Service"** for Renville County. 320-231-9158.
- **Girls' Night Out** is Sept. 25 – Grace Community Church
- **Walk to End Alzheimer's** is Sept. 29
- **Fall Bazaar at the Golden Living Center** is Oct 3. 2-3:30
- **Ham Dinner** at Renville United Methodist on Sept. 22
- **Renville County Rebels Fundraiser** is Sept. 28
- **Benefit Dinner for Brayden Zvorak** is Oct. 6

THANK YOU from the Olivia Cemetery Board to those who joined us on the Sept 16 work day. The 24 volunteers from the community really spruced up the grounds. We were blessed with your wonderful concern for our cemetery and are grateful for your time and efforts!!

SIGN UP on the BOARD

WOW TREATS

Sept 25 Heather Thompson
Oct 2
Oct 9
Oct 23
Oct 30

Prepare for 30 kids

Drop off by noon

Ideas - bars, cookies, fruit,
crackers, cheese, fruit, snack
mix, veggies/dip

NO NUTS

CONFIRMATION SUPPER

Sept 25	Stacey Larson / Sarah Iverson
Oct 2	Jill Hanson
Oct 23	Confirmation Banquet
Nov 6	Stacey Bratsch / Tina Weber
Nov 13	
Nov 20	
Dec 4	Libby Revier / Teri Larson-Johnson
Dec 11	
Dec 18	
Jan 8	Emy Elbert / Melissa Sagedahl
Jan 15	
Jan 22	
Jan 29	
Feb 5	
Feb 12	
Feb 19	
Feb 26	
Apr 23	

Expect - 20 Confirmation students and 10 adults

Time – Serve from 5:45 to 6:20

Ideas – walking tacos, pizza, soups, enchiladas, BBQ, hot turkey
sandwiches, spaghetti, hotdish

Beverages – sodas, milk (lemonade mix available at church)

Dessert - cookies, bars, ice cream treats

Bring - disposable paper products, unless you choose to do dishes

Optional – baby carrots, chips, salad

Renville County Hospice is again offering a Fall Grief Group. “Grieving Together” is a series of five sessions designed to help ease the pain and confusion that occur in a person's life after the death of someone close.

1st Session: Tuesday, October 1, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
RC Hospital & Clinics, Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN
“What is This Pain Called Grief?”
Paulette Svoboda, Licensed Social Worker, Renville County Hospice

2nd Session: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN
“Coping with Special Days”
Barb Krogstad, LPN, Renville County Heart to Heart

3rd Session – Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN
“Self-Care for Mourners”
Jill Bruns PHN, Renville County Public Health

4th Session – Tuesday, October 22, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN
“In Search of Hope and & Comfort”
Don Clasemann, Hospice Chaplain & Pastoral Administrator, St Johns Catholic Church, Hector

5th Session – Tuesday, October 29, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN
“Looking for Hope – New Beginnings”
Pastor Russ Jacobsen, United Methodist Church, Olivia



LED Questions –

Does the LED fold back to the wall? *For services that do not require the use of the LED, it will fold flush to the wall.*

Is the print smaller? *The print is the same size as previously used, and is much sharper. Adjustments will continue to be made over the next few months.*

Will the swing arm be painted? *From September 16-25 the LED will be taken down to make adjustments to the swing arm and to have it painted. **On Sept. 22, we will use the old screen and projector.***

Thank you for your patience throughout the installation process. We want to get everything right, so taking our time with the task has helped us to avoid problems along the way.

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Key Verses: “And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.’” Genesis 28:13-14

Background: Jacob and his older twin, Esau, were rivals since before their birth. Their father, Isaac, loved Esau, but their mother, Rebekah, loved Jacob. When time came for Isaac to bestow his deathbed blessing upon Esau, Rebekah helped Jacob trick him out of the blessing. Jacob covered himself with animal skins so that his arms would feel like hairy Esau’s. When Jacob fled Esau’s fury, God told him in a dream that God would fulfill the blessing. Despite Jacob’s trickery, God remained faithful.

Community: How are the blessings bestowed in your community distributed? What might your community of faith do to ensure that all needs are met? Get involved in one of your faith community’s missional or outreach opportunities and contribute to the diminishing of your community’s inequities.

At Home: How have you tried to force God's hand? What might you do to let go of control over some aspect of your life that is begging for God's control?

Read This Week:

Sunday, Sep 22, *Jacob's Dream*, Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Monday, Sep 23, *Esau's Lost Blessing*, Genesis 27:30-40

Tuesday, Sep 24, *Jacob Escapes*, Genesis 27:41-28:5

Wednesday, Sep 25, *Esau Marries Ishmael's Daughter*, Genesis 28:6-9

Thursday, Sep 26, *Jacob Meets Rachel*, Genesis 29:1-14

Friday, Sep 27, *Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters*, Genesis 29:15-35

Saturday, Sep 28, *Rachel's Jealousy*, Genesis 30:1-24

Next Week: Sun, Sep 29, *God's Name*, Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

taking GOD'S STORY home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

God said to Jacob, "Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you—I will do all I have promised." – Genesis 28:15 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God Who Makes and Keeps Promises, you have always made and kept promises with your people, even with scoundrels like Jacob. Thank you for your amazing love and grace, the mercy you showed Jacob and the mercy you extend to me, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Genesis 28)

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark each other's foreheads with the sign of the cross:

Blessed child of God, live in the promises God has made to you in baptism, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are provided to help you reflect on today's Bible reading (Monday – Wednesday) and look forward to next Sunday's reading (Thursday – Saturday). Try to take time each day to read the assigned verses: *What connections do you notice? What words or images stand out? What seems important to remember?*

If your household includes younger children, try using a child-friendly Bible like *Spark! Picture Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zondervan; available from the Vibrant Faith Ministries online store, www.vibrantfaith.org).

Today	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-33; 28:10-17	God's grace is even for scoundrels like Jacob
Monday	Genesis 29:15-30	A taste of his own medicine for Jacob
Tuesday	Genesis 32:22-31	A moment of reckoning for Jacob
Wednesday	Genesis 33:1-11	Jacob and Esau reconcile
Thursday	Genesis 37:1-36	Jacob's son, Joseph the Dreamer
Friday	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in prison
Saturday	Genesis 41:1-43	Joseph restored
Sunday	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	Moses, a reluctant servant of God

CARING CONVERSATIONS

God's unwavering faithfulness to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants says more about God than it does about them. In fact, one might even wonder why God remained faithful to someone like Jacob! Recall the story in Genesis 27:1-4, 15-33; 28:10-17 and consider the following questions: *What were some of the consequences Jacob faced as a result of his choices? When have you made and broken a promise? When has someone made a promise to you and broken it? What were the consequences? Why do you think God continues to love and bless God's people, even in such circumstances?*

DEVOTIONS

Try shaping a time of devotion around the following basic pattern:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of Christ in your midst. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas and questions in "Caring Conversations."
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What questions do you have about this reading? What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

SERVICE

A pivotal moment in the story of Jacob is when he is reconciled with Esau after many years (Genesis 33:1-11). Consider: *In what ways might offering forgiveness or pursuing reconciliation be considered acts of service?* Think of one person with whom you are "on the outs." *What would it take to repair that relationship? What might you do to begin the journey to reconciliation?* Pray for God's help and guidance.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When Jacob awakens from his dream, he sets up the rock that had been his pillow as an altar to help him remember what he had experienced and heard there. Consider placing a rock in the place where you gather for devotion and prayer, perhaps a rock from a favorite outdoor location. It could be large and imposing or small and portable, something to take with you when you are staying in a motel or camping.



Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities.



*Countdown to
Christmas*

Scrap/Craft/Quilt Retreat

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2013

Thurs - Doors open at 5:30pm

Fri - 8AM to 10pm (or later)

Sat - 8AM to 7:30PM

What to bring:

- Personal Crafting Supplies
- Task light, extension cord (recommended)
- Comfortable task chair (optional)
- Snacks to share—participants will contribute to the coffee shop snacks supply (munchies, sweets, fruit, etc.)

- Come and Go atmosphere (*according to your needs*)
- Breakfast & Lunch on Fri & Sat (*Suppers are on your own*)
- "Solid Ground Coffee Shop" - coffee, tea, soda, water (*sweets and snacks shared among participants*)
- Prayer and Praise time

Just like last year...



Breakfast and Lunch will be catered in, and each participant will be assigned a meal time to serve and clean up. Be sure to indicate when you will be here for meals.

Location: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

Contact: Laurie Schultze—church office

Phone: 320-523-1574

Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Website: crossofcalvary.net

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:12-13)."

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Type of craft _____

Est. arrival _____ dep. _____

Preferred soft drink _____

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:

Friday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch
Saturday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Note: Even if you think you may be here at meal time, check it.

What to do if you didn't check a meal, and you will be around at mealtime...eat with us! There's plenty! Really!!!

Registration and payment of **\$30**
are due by **October 15**

Please make checks to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to the address above.

Registration confirmation and follow-up information will be sent to you after your form and fees are received.



Christian Community Outreach Center After School Program

Children in grades K - 6 are invited to come to After School at the Center Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 6:00 pm. Kids can ride bus #2 to the CCOC after school to enjoy a snack, get help with their homework, hear a

Bible story, do activities such as games, art, music, and just hang out with friends. There will always be adults present and attentive to your child(ren). We'll also go to the BOLD Swimming Pool at least once a month. BOLD Schools will provide a shuttle bus to Bird Island and Lake Lillian, leaving the CCOC at 5 pm. If you would like your children to attend this free program or if you would like to volunteer please contact Sarah Hausken [320-523-6318](tel:320-523-6318), sarah@ccocmn.org

Christian Community Outreach Center High School Hang Time
Students grades 7-12 are invited to High School Hang time at the CCOC every Monday BOLD has school from 6 - 7:30 pm. Youth can have supper, hang out with their friends, do homework (if they want), interact with caring adults and experience the love of God. Youth are welcome to come any time between 6 and 7:30 pm. Supper is served from 6 - 6:30 pm, High School Hang Time is hosted by the CCOC and adult volunteers from area congregations. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Hausken [320-523-6318](tel:320-523-6318), sarah@ccocmn.org

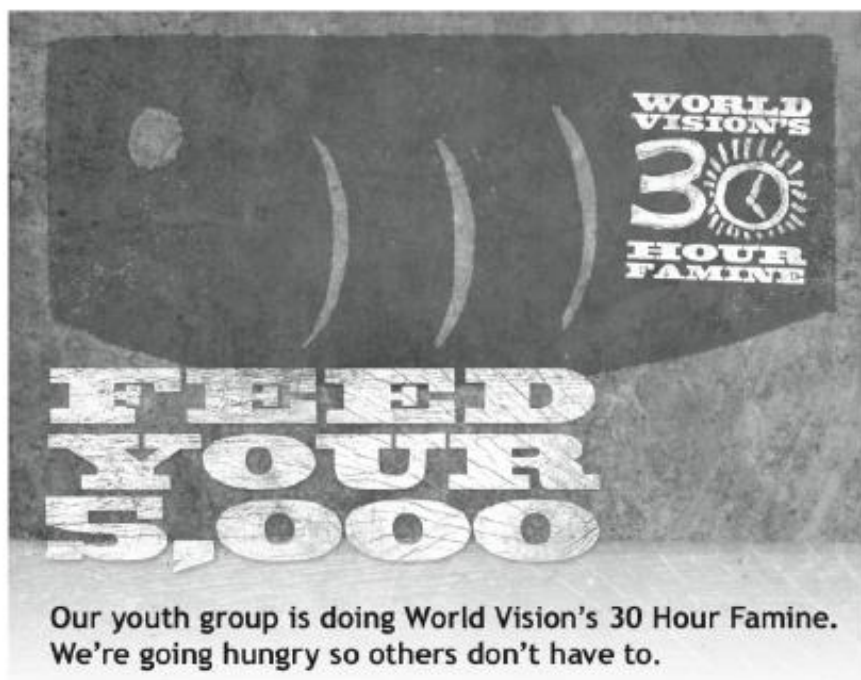
Christian Community Outreach Center Mentor Program

NEW THIS YEAR! An opportunity for a BOLD 7th-12th grader to be mentor-matched with a faithful adult in the BOLD community! For youth . . . an opportunity to have an additional adult in your world to listen, support, challenge, and encourage you! For adult mentors . . . an opportunity to share your life so a young person could be encouraged and supported to follow a faithful, healthy, successful path! Mentors and kids will meet at least 12 times during the 2013-2014 school year.

Breakfasts and Hangtimes are available for meeting times, but you can also meet on your own. Mentor training and support provided!

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30--8:00pm at CCOC--1st Mentor Meeting and Training (Mentors only)

Friday, September 27, 7:00-7:50am



WHAT: We're going without food to understand the hunger millions face every day, and raising money to do something about it. Just \$30 can help feed and care for a hungry child for a month through World Vision!

WHY: Because we don't want to just sit around while as many as 7,000 kids die every day from hunger-related causes. Together, we can make a difference.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Here are three ways you can come alongside us.

1. *Pray.* Ask God to work in and through our students.
2. *Volunteer.* Join us for an amazing Famine weekend!
3. *Give.* Write a check to our youth group and give it to Chelsey.

Our Famine dates: September 28-29th

Our goal: To raise \$2,000 throughout the Synod

Contact: Chelsey Plumley 522-3279

"You feed them." —Jesus (Mark 6:37, NLT)



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1.800.7.FAMINE (1.800.732.6463)

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