

# At Cross of Calvary - Week of October 13, 2013

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## Worship Resources

- *Bulletin* – These have a color cover and contain announcements, needs for the week and the prayer list. There is one copy for each family to take home.
- *Order of Service* – These are on white paper and contain the liturgy, readings and hymns for today's service. Please return them to the ushers so there are enough for each service.

COMMUNION – October 20

### TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us to bear witness to your love and grace. On our own we would be unfaithful, but with you we have all that we need. Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us for service in your name. Amen!

### PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Jane Grisso	<i>C Lund</i>	Chase Lykken	<i>S Kubesh</i>
Justin Lothert	<i>Classmates 2011</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Katelynn Rae Wahus	<i>S Alton</i>
Maddy Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Mary Page	<i>J Page</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland, James Whitcomb, Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

A little more sunshine...even with a chill in the air.

#### Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

-Please gain permission.

-Fill out a request card and drop in the offering, or go to [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)

-Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

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

**Craft Retreat registration is due Oct 15.** Forms are in the display rack.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>13 Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30-10:20am</b>
	Girl Scouts – Rm 8	6:00-8:00pm
<b>14 Mon</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
<b>15 Tues</b>	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Scouts Rm 8	6:30-8:00pm
<b>16 Wed</b>	<b>NO Wednesday Programming</b>	
	NO Sr. Choir	
<b>17 Thur</b>	NO Breakfast Club	
<b>19 Sat</b>	Worship	5:30pm
<b>20 Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30-10:20am</b>
	Golden Living Service	1:00pm

**COMING UP**

- 21 November Follower Deadline
- 23 No WOW
- 23 Confirmation Banquet, Committee Meetings, Council
- 24 Dorcas Circle (9:00 change), LSS Retreat
- 26 Blem Wedding (off site)
- 27 Confirmation of 10<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 28 Ruth Circle
- 29 Assemble the Follower
- 30 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class begins
- 31 Women’s Craft Retreat begins (Oct 31-Nov 2)

**Coffee Hour.**

- Oct 13 Youth
- Oct 20 OPEN
- Oct 27 OPEN
- Nov 3 OPEN
- Nov 10 Youth



**New Members**

are welcomed anytime.  
Please contact  
Pastor or Laurie.

**VOLUNTEERS for October**

- Communion** 8:30—E Skeie 10:30—D Torgelson
- Ushers** 8:30 — N Cole, B Slagter, K Slagter, S Slagter  
10:30— S Altmann, S/L Altmann
- Altar Guild** E Ziesmer, E Vogt, C Jandl
- Acolytes** L Adamski, C Weber
- Altar Flowers** – sign-up on the board

# Help our church see double!

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**Donate grocery items for the Confirmation Banquet** (Oct 23).

The donations sheet is on the YOUTH BOARD. Consider making a pan of lasagna; provide the dressing for the salad; how about some French bread or a bag of romaine? Thank you for being a blessing for Confirmation Families.

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Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.

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**The Snowflake Bazaar is December 7<sup>th</sup> 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. These items may be brought to the church library any time AFTER Nov. 17. Label them "For the Bazaar."



**"A Changing of the Guard?"** The ladies who 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.



**SNOW BIRDS:**

Please let the office know when you will be away this winter. Don't forget to let us know when you return to Minnesota!

The *FOLLOWER* and the weekly bulletin are available at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net).

- Click on the "Blog".
- Get them both sent to your email address automatically.
  - Go to [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
  - Scroll to the bottom of the Home page
  - subscribe by entering your email

**Emergency/Pastoral Care** - Please have a family member or friend notify the church. If hospitalized, you may also request the staff to call on your behalf. Call 523-1574 day or night. Listen for the staff member needed to access their emergency number. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.



*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](http://www.crossofcalvary.net)

**Tech News –**

So I think I want to help run the screen???

- The screen is set up for you each week.
- You will receive training (approx. 45 minutes).
  - Overview of the order of service.
  - How to turn everything on and off.
  - How to move through the service and make simple changes.
  - Work alongside an experienced “clicker” the first few times.
- Scheduling takes place via email.
- You may choose how many times a month you’d like to volunteer.
- You do not run the sound board on Band Sundays.



**SIGN UP on the BOARD**

**CONFIRMATION SUPPER**

- Oct 30
- 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, or do dishes  
**Optional** – baby carrots, chips, salad

**WOW TREATS**

- Oct 23
- Oct 30
- Nov 6
- Nov 13

**Prepare** for 30 kids  
**Drop off** by noon  
**Ideas** - bars, cookies, fruit, crackers, cheese, fruit, snack mix, veggies/dip  
**NO NUTS**

**CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD** (take-home fliers available)

- Oct 13 - Fall Festival at St. Aloysius, Olivia
- Oct 16 - BOLD FFA Pancake Breakfast. 6-9am. Ag Shop. Free will donation.
- The Kingery Family in Concert Oct 26, 7pm at Gloria Dei - Redwood
- Oct 27 – Organ Dedication at Bird Island Methodist Church at 2pm. Myron Lindeman, organist, and Charlie Dunlevy, soloist. Coffee to follow.
- Oct 28 – *212 Blood Drive* at the Armory from 1-7pm.
- Woodland Centers to provide “Youth Mobile Crisis Service” for Renville County. 320-231-9158.

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**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.

7:00-9:00pm. RC Hospital and Clinics, Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave, Olivia MN.

3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 15, 2013  
“Self-Care for Mourners”  
Jill Bruns PHN, Renville County Public Health

4<sup>th</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
“In Search of Hope and & Comfort” -Don Clasemann, Hospice Chaplain & Pastoral Administrator, St Johns Catholic Church, Hector

5<sup>th</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 29, 2013  
“Looking for Hope – New Beginnings”  
Pastor Russ Jacobsen, United Methodist Church, Olivia

## 1 Samuel 3:1-21

**Key Verse:** “Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

1 Samuel 3:10

**Background:** God led the Israelites for many, many years through the guidance of God’s judges and prophets. One such prophet was Samuel.

Samuel was born as a gift from God to Hannah, Samuel’s mother. Hannah was barren and prayed to God for a child. God heard her prayer and gave her Samuel. In thanks, Hannah gave Samuel back to God by allowing him to live and grow up in the temple.

While in the temple, Samuel was called in the middle of the night by God. Samuel didn’t know God yet, so he didn’t recognize that it was God calling. He thought it was his mentor, Eli, calling. Eli recognized it was God calling, and led Samuel to respond accordingly.

**Community:** Who are the people in your community in whom people place their trust? Are they community leaders? Politicians? Pastors? Celebrities? How does this shape how your community functions? How might your community be more intentional about whose voices they listen to?

**At Home:** Where do you hear God speaking to you? What does God say to you? How will you respond? Do one thing each day this week to create time and space to listen for God.

### Read This Week:

Monday, Oct 14, *The Ark of God Captured*, 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Tuesday, Oct 15, *Philistines and the Ark*, 1 Samuel 5:1-12

Wednesday, Oct 16, *The Ark Returned*, 1 Samuel 6:1-16

Thursday, Oct 17, *Israel Demands a King*, 1 Samuel 8:1-18

Friday, Oct 18, *Samuel Anoints Saul as King*, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8

Saturday, Oct 19, *Saul Rejected as King*, 1 Samuel 15:10-34

**Next Week:** Sunday, Oct 20, *Call of David*, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 51:10-14

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# taking GOD'S STORY home



## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The LORD then stood beside Samuel and called out as he had done before, "Samuel! Samuel!" "I'm listening," Samuel answered. "What do you want me to do?" – 1 Samuel 3:10 (CEV)

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God Who Calls and Equips, before you called Samuel, you placed Eli in his life to help him learn to recognize your voice. Put an Eli in my life to help me learn to recognize your voice, and then allow me to be like Eli to a young person I know. Amen. (1 Samuel 3)

## A BLESSING TO SHARE

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

- **From adult to child:** Child of God, may the Lord bless you and help you grow to recognize God's voice. Amen.
- **From child to adult:** God bless you as you help me grow and learn. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are provided to help you reflect on today's 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 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](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)).

Sunday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	God calls young Samuel
Monday	1 Samuel 7:2-17	Samuel, prophet and judge, leads Israel
Tuesday	1 Samuel 8:1-9	Israel asks for a king
Wednesday	1 Samuel 8:10-22	Samuel warns the people about a king
Thursday	1 Samuel 9:1-2, 14-17; 10:1	Israel's first king, Saul
Friday	1 Samuel 13:1-15	Saul disobeys the Lord
Saturday	1 Samuel 15:10-26	Saul's reign rejected by God
Sunday	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14	God looks on the heart

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Eli was what we at Vibrant Faith Ministries call a “Triple-A” adult in Samuel’s life. Eli was: **Authentic** (willing to acknowledge his imperfections); **Available** (present at an important time in Samuel’s life); **Affirming** (able to see in Samuel what Samuel could not yet see in himself). Tell about AAA elders in your life. *What have they said and done to be authentic, available, and affirming? In what ways have they helped you see God at work in your life?*

## DEVOTIONS

- **Prayer for ones like Eli:** Thank you, God, for elders in my life (*name some*), who are with me when I need them to be. Thank you for helping them to see in me what I can not see in myself. Bless them and keep them close. Amen.
- **Prayer for ones like Samuel:** Thank you, God, for the younger ones in my life (*name some*), who invite me to question what I believe and are hungry to know what I know about you. Bless them and keep them close. Amen.

## SERVICE

There likely are some elders in your congregation or a nearby senior living facility who sometimes wonder if they still matter. Your pastor might be helpful in identifying individuals who would appreciate a visit and some friendly conversation. Set a time to meet, perhaps over coffee and cookies. Plan a few questions to ask to start the conversation rolling. What might you ask about their childhood or young adult years? What might you ask about the importance of faith in their lives or about a favorite Bible story or prayer? How might you ask about their perspective on facing challenges in life?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The ritual of giving a blessing, such as the one in “A Blessing to Share” on the front of this insert, forms a meaningful bond between people. There is great power in placing a hand on a head, marking a forehead with a cross, and/or looking into another person’s eyes while speaking words of blessing. This is AAA living—authentic, available, and affirming.



Go to [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) for more faith-forming activities.

*Please take one bulletin home per family.*

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**Worship**

Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am  
Sun School 9:30am

**Facility Hours**

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



**DEADLINE** for the bulletin is Thursday at noon.