

# At Cross of Calvary - Week of October 20, 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 household.
- *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, November 3, 17

## TABLE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you draw near and are with us every single day. You have chosen to make your residence our lives in your Son, Jesus Christ. May we faithfully serve you in your kingdom. May the food you have so graciously given to us strengthen us for a life of joyful service! 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>
Phyllis Berninger	<i>K Barta</i>	Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Terje Hausken	<i>S Hausken</i>
Leanne Miller	<i>K Grasmon</i>		

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

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The safe return from Afghanistan of Jens Gylland and Anders Gylland.

### 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.**

Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.

**THIS WEEK**

<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
<b>21 Mon</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
	November Follower Deadline	
<b>22 Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Set up for Confirmation Banquet in the afternoon	
<b>23 Wed</b>	<b>NO Wednesday Programming</b>	
	Confirmation Banquet	6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
	Committee Meetings	7:00pm
	Council	8:00pm
<b>24 Thur</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07am
	Dorcas Circle	9:00am
	LSS Retreat	9:00am-2:00pm
	Brownie Scouts - Rm 8	5:30-7:15pm
<b>26 Sat</b>	Blem Wedding	off-site
	Worship	5:30pm
<b>27 Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30-10:20am</b>
	<b>CONFIRMATION Service</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

**COMING UP**

- 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)
- Nov 3 First Communion
- Nov 6 Third Grade Bible Class begins

**Coffee Hour.**

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



**New Members**

are welcomed anytime.  
Please contact  
Pastor or Laurie.

**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.

## **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

### **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!

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- 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



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**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.

**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 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 26 – Kingery Family in Concert, 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.

**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.

4<sup>th</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 22, 2013

“In Search of Hope and & Comfort” -Don Clasemann, Hospice Chaplain & Pastoral Administrator, St John’s Catholic Church, Hector

5<sup>th</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 29, 2013

“Looking for Hope – New Beginnings”

Pastor Russ Jacobsen, United Methodist Church, Olivia

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## Stewardship and Thanksgiving

As we near the season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions.

For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Check in with Laurie on how to get this set up.

**October 20, 2013**  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14**

**Key Verse:** “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’” 1 Samuel 16:7



**Time:** about 1000 BCE

**Background:** After years of following God with the guidance of judges and prophets, the people became eager to be ruled by a king. God warned them that they did not need a king if they were following God. But the people insisted.

The prophet, Samuel, was appointed by God to anoint a king over Israel. After a failed attempt at choosing Saul to be king, Samuel followed God’s command to find a king among the sons of Jesse. Samuel inspected all of Jesse’s sons except David, the youngest and smallest. Although they were leaders by outward appearance, God was searching for a leader with a pure heart. God chose David to be the next king.

**Community:** What criteria does your community use to select its leaders? What qualities does it seek? What qualities would God choose? How do they differ? How are they similar?

**At Home:** Where do you seek guidance? Who or what do you follow? Make a shift this week to follow the ways of the world less, and God’s ways more. Do one thing to open yourself so that God can create in you a clean heart.

**Read This Week:**

Monday, Oct 21, *Goliath*, 1 Samuel 17:1-11

Tuesday, Oct 22, *David Visits His Brothers*, 1 Samuel 17:12-23

Wednesday, Oct 23, *David Prepares for Battle*, 1 Samuel 17:31-40

Thursday, Oct 24, *David Slays Goliath*, 1 Samuel 17:41-54

Friday, Oct 25, *Solomon Becomes King*, 1 Kings 1:28-31

Saturday, Oct 26, *Solomon’s Prayer for Wisdom*, 1 Kings 3:3-15

**Next Week:** Sunday, Oct 27, *Solomon’s Temple*, 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

OCTOBER 20, 2013

# taking GOD'S STORY home



## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

The LORD told him, "... People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts." – 1 Samuel 16:7 (CEV)

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

God Who Sees into Our Hearts, our society tries to stick all kinds of labels on us, often based on the way we look. Sometimes we are even tempted to believe what the world tells us about ourselves. But you remind us that you see far deeper than mere outward appearance. Remind us always that the only label that matters is "Child of God." Amen. (1 Samuel 16)

## **A BLESSING TO SHARE**

*Use these words to bless another person:*

Child of God, you are beloved by God and by me. Remember that because of your baptism, God looks at your heart and sees only Jesus. 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 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](http://www.vibrantfaith.org).

Sunday	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14	God looks on the heart
Monday	1 Samuel 17:1-50	David kills Goliath
Tuesday	1 Samuel 18:6-19	Saul becomes David's enemy
Wednesday	1 Samuel 24:1-22	David spares Saul's life
Thursday	2 Samuel 5:1-12	David is made king of Israel
Friday	2 Samuel 7:1-21	David wants to build a house for God
Saturday	1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-15	Solomon becomes king, and wise
Sunday	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	Solomon's Temple



## CARING CONVERSATIONS

When God led Samuel to choose David as the next king of Israel, Samuel noticed the strong, handsome appearance of David's older brothers and assumed one of them was God's chosen. In our day, television commercials try to get us to believe this general message: "There's something wrong with you unless you use our product." Make a game of identifying and talking about the advertising messages you see or hear—you might call it "What's Wrong with Me?" God reminds us that we are much, MUCH more than the way we think we look or other people think we look.

## 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 do you want to remember from this reading?
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

It can be a challenge to get everyone together for devotion and prayer. Try different times, perhaps in the morning or before bedtime. If you are living alone, how might you use electronic media to share this time with others?

## SERVICE

"Caring Conversations" invites you to consider issues of outward appearance and self-worth. Many people struggle with these same issues. To whom might you offer this reminder: "God sees your value, and so do I!"? How can you serve other people by reminding them of their value as God's child?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

David's value and worth to God was made visible by Samuel's blessing and anointing (1 Samuel 16:13). This highlights the importance of a ritual of blessing your loved ones. How can your household adopt a ritual of blessing one another as part of your regular practice? (See "A Blessing to Share" on the front of this insert for a blessing to try.)



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