

At Cross of Calvary - Week of Jan 12

TABLE PRAYER

Father God, we look for signs of your miracles, signs of your power in our lives. Bless the food we are about to receive so that we are strengthened to do your work. Help us to work your miracles among those around us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
James Whitcomb, Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the volunteers at Christmas! Thank you for decorating the Sanctuary and seeing that each service was wonderfully set in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.

VOLUNTEERS for January

Communion 8:30—B Boen 10:30—E Skeie

Ushers 8:30 — G/D Mertens, B/T Kopel
10:30— D Altmann, W Trongard

Altar Guild R Berg, T Stovern

Acolytes E Skeie, M Fennern

Note to all Sunday volunteers: As a courtesy to all those who volunteer alongside you, please try to find a fill-in whenever you are unable to be at church to serve as an usher, reader, acolyte or to serve communion.



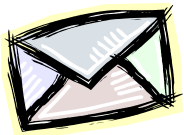
Pick up your poinsettias in the Narthex.

--Calling to your Attention--

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 19 (alternate 26) **at 9:30 in the Sanctuary**

The annual meeting agenda and 2014 budget are available for preview. These are located in the display rack in the Narthex – one per household. The complete annual report will be available on January 18.



Weekly offering envelopes are available in church mailboxes or on the table in the Narthex. If, due to the yearly updating of the roll, your envelopes were inadvertently excluded, please let Laurie know.

For those who submit checks without an offering envelope, use automatic deposit or do online banking, please include your account number on your checks. These numbers are in your mailboxes.

The Refrigerators In an effort to see that foods in the refrigerators have a purpose, rather than going bad, following an event let's try...

1. If leftovers look like something that may be used for Confirmation supper, please check the BOARD to see who may be serving and offer it to them, or call Chelsey or Laurie.
2. Share the leftovers among those who are serving at the event and discard the rest.

No one was able to answer your call? Every effort is made to see that the phones are answered at church – Staff covers for one another for vacations, sick leave and when gone for seminars; they stagger lunch times and make sure to let the others know about errands. However, there are reasons a small church staff may not be able to pick up a call – Occasionally all staff are out for the day. Staff may be on another line. When in meetings, they allow the system to pick up, and sometimes they are in a part of the church where the phone cannot be heard.

Best thing to do when the staff is unable to answer the church number:

- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, you are welcome to leave a message on the church answering system.

THIS WEEK

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School/ Nat. Gathering	9:30
Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
	Scouts – Rm 6	6:30
Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Scouts – Rm 2,8	6:00
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45 / 6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
Thurs	Breakfast Club	7:07am
	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Annual Meeting/Sun School	9:30

COMMUNION – Jan 19

COMING UP – January

19 – Annual Meeting 9:30am	24/25 – Augustana Lock In
20 – February Follower deadline	27 – Ruth Circle
23 – Dorcas Circle	28 – Assemble the Follower 1pm
	29-31 – Staff at Workshop

***Changes and additions to the calendar**

MISSION QUILTING on Thursdays at 9am. Come and go as your schedule allows. You are welcome to bring a lunch. Snacks to share are fun!



**Orders for your Super Bowl weekend.
Check in with a participating youth in
grades 2-12.**

A BIG BIG THANK YOU! Although the coldest day of the winter, it warms the heart to know that last week’s coffee donations for the “Jesus Cares Ministry” were wonderful.

--General Reminders--

- New Members are welcomed anytime. Contact Pastor or Laurie.
- Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.

- The *FOLLOWER* and weekly bulletin are available at crossofcalvary.net.
- *The Faithful 15* is a weekly, 15-minute podcast available on our website and on iTunes.
- The order of service is available in large print at the display rack
- We are no longer accepting used printer or toner cartridges.

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

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

Great fellowship is waiting, how about signing up for coffee?!?!?

The following dates are open and available for groups or individuals to sign up and host.

OPENINGS

Feb 2, 16
 Mar 2, 9, 23, 30
 Apr 27
 May 11



WOW Treats

Look for the new list in January!

Prepare for 30 kids

Drop off by noon

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

NO NUTS



Confirmation meals

Jan 15

Jan 22 Newville /Adamski

Jan 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Expect - 15 Conf students & 4 adults

Time - Serve from 5:45 to 6:20

Ideas - walking tacos, pizza, soups, BBQ, hot dogs, spaghetti, hotdishes

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

Dessert - cookies, bars

Bring - disposable paper products, or do dishes

Optional - baby carrots, chips, salad



Weather and Worship. Cross of Calvary does not cancel worship in case of inclement weather since Pastor lives next door. However, PLEASE make wise choices about being on the road when the weather is bad. May the Lord watch over your travels.

Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar are always welcome.

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call/email the office to indicate what you'd like in the bulletin – in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of. Note: without a designation, no reference will be printed.
- Have flowers delivered by 4pm on Saturday.



CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD

(take-home fliers often available)



Feb 1 – Mid-Winter Get-Away at RenVilla



John 2:1-11

Key Verses: “When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” John 2:3-5

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: In today’s reading, Jesus was at a wedding celebration with his mother shortly after beginning to gather his first disciples. He had not yet done any miracles or teachings.

When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother (unnamed in the Gospel of John) saw an opportunity for Jesus to perform a miracle, thereby beginning his public ministry. This event, and the event of Jesus’ death, are the only two places where the Gospel of John mentions Jesus’ mother, making her presence bookends to his public ministry. At the wedding, Jesus helped the hosting family honor the guests by serving good wine throughout the entire celebration.

Community: What public celebrations are held to honor members of your community? What rituals or traditions are the most meaningful?

At Home: Jesus’ mother encouraged him to perform a miracle, even though he believed his time had not yet come. When have you been challenged to act before you felt you were ready? How could you call upon God in those times to give you guidance and strength to act wisely and courageously?

Read This Week:

Monday, Jan 13, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:1-4

Tuesday, Jan 14, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:5-9

Wednesday, Jan 15, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:10-23

Thursday, Jan 16, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:24-26

Friday, Jan 17, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:27-30

Saturday, Jan 18, *God the Creator and Provider*, Psalm 104:31-35

Next Week: Sunday, Jan 19, *Cleansing the Temple*, John 2:13-25

JANUARY 12, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. – John 2:11 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of joy and celebration, as Jesus' presence made glad the wedding feast in Cana, help us to see his living presence in all we encounter in life, so we may have a glimpse of that same joy. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Use these words to bless another person as you mark his or her forehead with the cross of Christ:

May you find joy in Christ's presence today and be joy for others. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Last week's Bible readings led us into the church season of Epiphany, which lasts for seven weeks this year. To have an epiphany is to have a revelation or, as a cartoon might portray it, to have a light bulb click on above one's head. The Bible stories read during Epiphany often are stories that answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" John's Gospel is a great one to read during Epiphany because John calls the miracles that Jesus does "signs." These signs or miracles point to how Jesus is the presence of God's Word made flesh (John 1:14). A good question to ponder after reading a miracle/sign story is: *What does Jesus' sign show me about him?*

Sunday	John 2:1-11	Jesus' first miracle
Monday	Psalms 4:6-8	Shine on us, Lord
Tuesday	Psalms 104:1-28	The mighty works of the Lord
Wednesday	Song of Solomon 1:1-4	God's amazing love
Thursday	Isaiah 55:1-3	God's feast for all
Friday	Galatians 5:22-23	The fruit of the Spirit
Saturday	Hebrews 12:1-3	The cloud of witnesses
Sunday	John 2:13-25	Jesus clears the temple

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Jesus' presence at the wedding feast in Cana brought joy to all who were there. Many other Bible readings indicate that one sign (or fruit) of the Holy Spirit's work in our midst is joy. Read, for example, Galatians 5:22-23.

Tell about the most joyful experience you can remember. Discuss to what extent it is possible to experience joy without the presence or involvement of other people. Welcome each person's opinion on this.

DEVOTIONS

Try to find a time when everyone in your household can gather for devotions, perhaps in the morning or before bedtime. If you are alone, how might you include other people in your time of devotion and prayer?

Shape your devotions 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 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

The loneliness and isolation that may be experienced by people who are homebound or living in nursing homes sometimes can rob life of joy. What might you do to help bring some "joy of the Lord" to the lives of these individuals?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday's reading from John 2:1-11 takes place at a wedding. Of course, wedding gifts are a common tradition in North America. Think about how you could make it your tradition to give gifts that might help strengthen or deepen a new couple's life together by equipping them to practice the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith (Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions) in their own home. What tools might be helpful: Advent wreath and candles? Devotional book for couples? Children's story Bible?



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



Christian Community
Outreach Center

Ministry Update!

January 2014

God's People are Fed

Free dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas are central to the ministry of the CCOC. This year we served 550 people between the two meals. That's 100 more people than last year. Home deliveries increased and we were able to take 11 Thanksgiving dinners to the inmates at the Redwood Falls jail.



Many gather to give thanks for all God has given us.

People come to the dinners for many different reasons. Some come because they need the food, some to enjoy the company of friends and some come simply to serve. All encounter the face of Christ in the other. Thank you to everyone who participated in these tremendous events which serve as vehicles for Jesus' love.

Mousy the Clown Visits the CCOC



Mousy the Clown and the After School kids make God's rainbow.

On November 7, Mousy the Clown visited the children who attend the After School Program. She used magic tricks and humor to share Bible stories and God's love for us.

That same day, with the help of 4-H Coordinator Lisa Neutgens and our adult leaders the kids cooked a healthy meal for their families. They

made chicken and vegetable stir fry, rice, fruit kabobs, fruit smoothies and cookies. They prepared for 100 people and served nearly 200! The whole group was then treated to another show by Mousy the Clown where the kids helped her tell the story of Noah's Ark.