

At Cross of Calvary - Week of February 2

COMMUNION – February 2 and 16

TABLE PRAYER

God of all healing, may we know that it is your grace that makes us complete. When we find our rest in you, we are made complete. Send us out to reflect that grace and love in the world. Thank you for the food you have so graciously given to us. May we realize the strength we receive from it is yet another gift from you! Amen!

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Alex Jacobs	<i>B Nelson</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jean Stadther	<i>A Boen</i>	Gene Revier	<i>E Revier</i>
Joanne Hawkinson	<i>H Hawkinson</i>	Mike Bruns	<i>C Mallak</i>
Robert Murphy	<i>S Alton</i>	Athena Serbus-Kruger	<i>S Grasmon</i>
JoAnn Keyser	<i>C Johnson</i>	Leanne Miller	<i>S Grasmon</i>

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Good night's sleep.

VOLUNTEERS for February

Communion 8:30—B Boen 10:30—D Torgelson

Ushers 8:30 — T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, S Malecek
10:30— A Thomopson, Corey Gluesing

Altar Guild L Blem, L Frank

Acolytes E Iverson, T Sagedahl

Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

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

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.

Pastor encourages...



REAL GOD. REAL FAITH. REAL LIFE.

2014 Equipping Congregations Day, SW MN Synod

ALL ARE WELCOME! Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Worship & Youth Leaders, Pastors...Everyone!!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN

Speaker: **The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose**, The Marbury E. Anderson Assoc Prof of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary will be speaking on Real World Faith: Meeting God in the Everyday. We will also hear from **Bishop Jon Anderson** of your Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

WORKSHOPS

You will be able to choose 3 workshops to attend throughout the day!

- Going Green
- Rethinking Church
- Faith in the Home
- Faith Practices for Everyday Life
- Insurance Uncovered
- Revising a Congregation's Constitution
- Forgiving God, Forgiving Self, Forgiving Others: The Power of Real Life
- What I Learned About Young Adults at Green Lake Bible Camp
- Gardening to Feed Our Families and Communities
- Worship For All Ages, By All Ages
- Congregation Leaders and Planning
- Internet Ministry: Do We Have To? Church Websites and Social Media for the Very Frightened
- What's up with the ELCA? - Interpreting the ELCA
- Becoming an Effective Treasurer
- Unbinding the Gospel: Why Share Our Christian Faith?
- Youth Ministry from a Youth's Perspective
- Vibrant Faith Ministries Resources
- "Inter-Sensory Worship: See, Hear, Touch, Smell and Design Your Worship Space"
- Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse
- Discovering Hope for Rural Congregations
- ELW Uncovered
- Healthy Congregations
- Meeting Our Muslim Neighbors
- Cross-Generational/Intergenerational Ministry
- Alternative to Sunday Morning
- Q&A with Guest Speaker David Lose

A complete workshop list with descriptions and leaders is available on our website.

SCHEDULE

8:30am	Registration
9:00	Hymn Sing
9:15	Welcome & Devotions
9:45	Part 1 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
10:35	Break
10:45	Workshop 1
11:35	Lunch
12:10pm	Heavenly Harvest Gospel Band
12:20	Faith Story - Bishop Jon Anderson
12:40	Break
12:50	Workshop 2
1:40	Break
1:50	Workshop 3
2:20	Break
2:50	Part 2 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
3:20	Blessing & Sending

GO TO WWW.SWMNELCA.ORG EVENTS PAGE TO REGISTER.

Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

BEFORE February 10:

- Group Rate (no limit!):
- \$50/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 100 or less
- \$100/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 101 or more
- OR \$15/Person

AFTER February 10: \$25/person; NO Group Rates.



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--Calling to Your Attention--

THIS WEEK

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

COMING UP – February

16 – National Gathering Kick-off
Breakfast fund raiser

19 – Spaghetti Dinner
19 – Confirmation class at 6:30
19 – Committees and Council
26 – Altar Guild

*Changes / additions to the calendar

Sing??? More members are needed for the Senior Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and last about an hour. Contact Laurie if you have questions.



The Spring Craft Retreat will be held March 6-8. Event information is in the display rack in the Narthex. Submit your registration form and fee to Ronda Berg or Laurie Schultze by February 14.

YIKES! - Please do NOT substitute 2013 envelopes for 2014. Many account numbers have changed. Your 2014 envelopes are in the mailboxes. If, due to the yearly updating of the roll, your envelopes were inadvertently excluded, please let Laurie know

--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.

No one was able to answer your call? 320-523-1574

- 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, leave a message on the church answering system.

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. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

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

Mar 9, 23, 30

Apr 27

May 11



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



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.

End-of-year offering statements are in your mailboxes. Those left after today will be mailed.

Confirmation meals

Feb 5, 12

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

WOW Treats

Feb 19, 26

Prepare for 30 kids

Drop off by noon

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

NO NUTS



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)



Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the Men's Group in support of youth scholarships for camps and mission

Wed., Feb. 19th

5pm-7pm

Adults = \$7.00

Confirmation Students = \$5.00

Children, ages 5 to 11 = \$4.00

Children 4 and under are free

Take-outs available

2014



(Snow Date: Feb 26)

February - Cof C will be the Christian Community Outreach Center Snack Sponsors

Thank you for volunteering to provide healthy snacks for God's children at the Christian Community Outreach Center! After their day at school the kids really appreciate a snack before they get started on homework.

Here are some ideas for healthy snacks:

- Apples and caramel dip
- Cheese and crackers
- Carrots and veggie dip
- Popcorn
- Granola bars
- Chex mix
- Yogurt
- Bananas
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Celery, peanut butter and raisins

Mondays and Thursdays.
Plan for 65 kids each day.

2/3/2014
2/6/2014
2/10/2014
2/13/2014
2/17/2014
2/20/2014
2/24/2014
2/27/2014

Sign up
on the
Board

If you are able to come serve the snack from 3:00 – 3:30, wonderful!
Otherwise, please drop it off at the Christian Community Outreach Center. Master's coffee shop is open from 7 am to 4 pm.

We have paper boats to serve the snacks from. No beverage is needed.

Once again, thank you! Sarah Hausken, CCOC Ministry Coordinator

John 4:1-42

Key Verses: “Jesus said to [the woman], ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’” John 4:13-14

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: Jews and Samaritans were at odds at the time of Jesus. They were both descendants of Israel, but they had long-standing disagreements that kept them separated. The cultural and religious differences, further exacerbated by the gender differences, made Jesus’ encounter with the woman highly unusual. It was even more unlikely that she would become a witness to his prophetic words. This story highlights Jesus’ message that God came not only for the Jews, but for all people.

Like in Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus, Jesus’ words were misunderstood. The woman believed she could drink Jesus’ living water and then would no longer need to come to the well for daily water. She didn’t understand Jesus was speaking of living water that would nourish the soul and lead to eternal life.

Community: What cultural differences prevent you from engaging with others from differing backgrounds? Where could you go to begin conversations with people of other cultures or faiths? What might you learn?

At Home: Where do you draw living water? What nourishes your soul? Spend time with God this week drinking deeply of God’s word.

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 3, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:1-3

Tuesday, Feb 4, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:4-5

Wednesday, Feb 5, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:6-7

Thursday, Feb 6, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:8

Friday, Feb 7, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:9-10

Saturday, Feb 8, *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:11

Next Week: Sunday, Feb 9, *Healing Stories*, John 4:46-5:18

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again." – John 4:15 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of Living Water, there are days when I feel completely "blah"—disconnected from you, absent from the people I love, disgusted with the world around me, wondering if my life has purpose or meaning. It is at these times that I long for Living Water. I give thanks that you give this freely through Jesus. Quench my thirst. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

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

Remember that you are baptized with living water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

"Who is Jesus?" is the question for the season of Epiphany. This week we encounter a woman at a well who has her own questions about Jesus. Jesus' mention of "living water" might bring to mind the many and various ways God has acted through water to create and preserve life. Read the daily passages to learn more.

Throughout the season of Epiphany, a good question to ask of each reading is: *What does this reading show me or tell me about Jesus?* Ask this of all readings, including those from the Old Testament.

Sunday	John 4:1-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Genesis 1:1-5	God's mastery over the waters of chaos
Tuesday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise after the flood
Wednesday	Exodus 14:1-31	Passing through the Red Sea
Thursday	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
Friday	2 Kings 5:1-15	Water that heals
Saturday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms a storm at sea
Sunday	John 4:46-54; 5:1-18	Jesus heals a sick boy and a lame man

CARING CONVERSATIONS

After Jesus talks with the woman at the well, she invites the other people in town to come and meet Jesus. Many do, and they believe Jesus is the Savior of the world because of what they hear for themselves. Talk about whom you would like to invite to worship with you at your church or to join in one of your 4 Keys for Practicing Faith (Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions) activities. Discuss: *What can you say to make this a compelling invitation? If this person accepts your invitation, how will you make him or her feel welcome?*

DEVOTIONS

When is a good time for everyone in your household to gather for devotions—mealtime, evening, bedtime? If you are alone, think of a creative way to share devotions with other people.

- **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?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using “A Blessing to Share.”

SERVICE

For many people in the developing world, obtaining safe drinking water is an ongoing challenge. Carrying water from a community well is a daily reality for many. There are service and mission organizations that work with communities to construct safe wells. How can you support one of these efforts? Check your denomination’s Web site for information on water projects or investigate the clean water projects of organizations like Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org) or Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

These Bible readings about water are inviting you into a ritual of baptismal commemoration. Fold rituals of dipping your fingers in a bowl of water while praying or lighting a baptismal candle into the “Devotions” above.



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