

At Cross of Calvary - Week of February 16

Flowers on the Altar have been placed in honor of Chet and Angie Boen for the blessing of their love and support – Jean Stadtherr and family.



COMMUNION – Today

TABLE PRAYER

Loving God, you feed us with the true bread of life, your Son Jesus Christ. May we be strengthened by his gracious presence with us. When we forget, may we remember the promises you have made to us through him. Bless us as we now eat our meal. May it strengthen us as we go out as witnesses to the true bread of life. 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 Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Gene Revier	<i>E Revier</i>
Alvina Beckman	<i>S Grasmon</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>
Katelynn Rae Wahus	<i>S Alton</i>	James Harazin	<i>A Osthus</i>

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the lives of faith and service of Gene Revier and Joann Hawkinson.

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.

--Calling to Your Attention--

Today	Worship Sun School Natl. Gathering Kickoff Breakfast	8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am 9:30am
Mon	<i>Follower</i> deadline Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs Spaghetti Dinner Confirmation Class Sr. Choir Committee/Council Meetings	3:15-4:30pm 5:00-7:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm/8:00pm
Thurs	Breakfast Club Quilters	7:07pm 9:00am
Sat	Equipping Congregations	
Sun	Worship Worship Sun School Spring Fling meeting	5:30pm 8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am 9:30am

COMING UP in February

24 – Ruth Circle	26 – Altar Guild	29 – Spring Fling Mtg
25 – Assemble the <i>Follower</i>	27 – Dorcas Circle	

Ash Wednesday	12:00pm/7:00pm	March 5
Lent Services	7:00pm	March 12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
Confirmation	7:00 pm worship	March 12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
Palm Sunday	8:30am/10:30am	Apr 13
Palm Sun Bkfst	9:30am	Apr 13
Matens (Mon-Fri)	7:00am	Apr 14-18
---NO Wednesday Programming		Apr 16
Maundy Thursday	12:00pm/7:00pm	Apr 17
Good Friday	7:00pm	Apr 18
Easter Sunday	6:30am/9:00am	Apr 20



Heartland is collecting hotel-sized soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions. Drop the unopened containers in Marlys Klinghagen's church mailbox.

The Spring Craft Retreat registration is due February 14...this Friday!

RETIRING!!! Some of the Spring Fling Committee members are looking to hand over the reins! Join them for a transition meeting on **Sun, Feb 23 at 9:30**. Contact Sue Erickson, Cheryl Mallak, Sandy Padrnos or Jill Hanson.

Pastor encourages...

Create a Healthy, Happy, Godly Family One Night at a Time



Imagine a home where every person feels loved, valued and heard. Imagine a family that seeks God's wisdom, will and Word together. Imagine an intimate, affectionate community where every night is an experience of caring, sharing, comfort and peace.

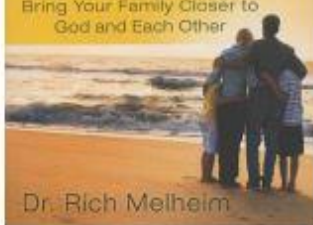
You can make this beautiful picture a reality in your home. But it won't happen by accident—you need a plan! *Holding Your Family Together* is a workable, powerful plan based on a simple nightly routine: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. This is FAITH5, and it has transformed families around the world. No matter your child's age or your family's unique situation, FAITH5 can work for you. Inside you'll find everything you need to get your family into a nightly habit that will open your hearts to each other and to God.

Does this sound like an impossible dream? It's not, and you can start . . . tonight.



HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

5 Simple Steps to Help
Bring Your Family Closer to
God and Each Other



Dr. Rich Melheim

Come as a family to hear
Dr. Rich Melheim
and learn about the Faith5!

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

March 2, 2014
4:00-5:30 pm



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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--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.

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



(Snow Date: Feb 26)

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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.

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.

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.

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



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.

WOW Treats

Feb 19, 26 Mar 12, 19, 26

Prepare for 30 kids

Drop off by noon

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

NO NUTS



Check the BOARD for Jill Hanson's recipe from *Souper Bowl* Sunday!
Chicken Gnocchi Soup – YUMMMMMMY!

From Teeny and her family – The past few years have been very difficult for myself and my family. I would like to thank all of you for your visits, meals and especially prayers, as they are always needed. We appreciated the luncheon after the funeral as well. God's peace to all.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance
(take-home fliers often available)



Feb. 26 – Turkey Supper at Zion United Methodist Church
March 2 - Benefit Dinner for Dale Weilage

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Silent Auction information is available in the Narthex display rack.

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

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.

2/20/2014
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.
Thank you! Sarah Hausken, CCOC Ministry Coordinator

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels



The sign-up sheet for Cross of Calvary’s month for Meals on Wheels is on the DOOR. Choose your weeks or a day or two. Choose your route. Pick up at the Chatterbox at 11:15am.

John 6:35-59

Key Verse: “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: Jesus’ “I am” statements in the Gospel of John were intended to recall the name of God, as it was revealed to Moses before the Exodus. This helped hearers to view Jesus’ divinity in the imagery he called upon to describe himself.

Jesus’ association with God (“I am”) and heaven (“bread that came down from heaven”) were blasphemous (offensive against God). Blasphemy was a serious crime, punishable by death. His words, although intended to bring life, instead brought punishment of death.

Community: Jesus’ words were intended to feed the souls of all who heard them. How do our words feed others? How do they starve others? How can we use our words and our actions to feed those who are hungry?

At Home: What are you hungry for? Is it a physical hunger? Spiritual? Relational? Vocational? Emotional? Financial? Other? Bring your hunger to God this week and ask for daily bread. Be specific. Be aware of the ways God satisfies your hunger in big and small ways.

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 17, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:1-3

Tuesday, Feb 18, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:4-7

Wednesday, Feb 19, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:8-10

Thursday, Feb 20, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:11-14

Friday, Feb 21, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:15-18

Saturday, Feb 22, *Praise for Deliverance from Trouble*, Psalm 34:19-22

Next Week: Sunday, Feb 23, *Living Water*, John 7:37-52

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taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus replied: "I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty." – John 6:35 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Bread of Life, in your temptation in the wilderness, you reminded us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Is this what you mean by saying you are the Bread of Life? Feed us always with your presence, so we may grow strong in our faith and trust in you. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark another person's forehead with the cross of Christ as you speak the blessing: May Christ, the Bread of Life, strengthen you as you serve this day and nourish you in faith forever. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

"Who is Jesus?" In John 6:35-59, the epiphany or revelation is this: Jesus is the one who can feed us both bodily and in spirit. Each of the daily Bible readings connects with bread or feeding in some way.

As you continue in the season of Epiphany, ask of each reading: *What does this reading show me or tell me about Jesus?* Ask this of all readings, including those from the Old Testament.

Sunday	John 6:35-59	Jesus the Living Bread
Monday	Genesis 18:1-15	Bread for strangers
Tuesday	Exodus 16:1-36	Bread from heaven
Wednesday	Psalms 146	God provides
Thursday	Isaiah 58:1-9	Sharing our bread
Friday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds 5,000
Saturday	Mark 14:22-25	This is my body
Sunday	John 7:37-52	Jesus' promise of living water

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Jesus' identity as the "bread that gives life" (John 6:35, CEV) is about more than food to satisfy bodily hunger. It is also about spiritual wellbeing, faith, and trust in God through all things. As we "feed" on Jesus, we grow in faith.

How many different types of bread have you eaten this week? (Don't forget breads like tortillas or pitas!) Every culture has some form of bread in its diet. Discuss: *What does this broad presence of bread on the world's tables suggest to you about Jesus as the "bread that gives life?"*

DEVOTIONS

Shape your time of devotion and prayer around the following basic pattern:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of the light 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.
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

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 a time of devotion and prayer?

SERVICE

There are few things as warm and inviting as freshly baked bread. Think of someone to whom you would like to give bread—Elderly neighbor? New neighbor? Parents of a newborn? Stressed-out coworker? Grieving family? Either bake or buy a nice loaf of bread and maybe some fixings to along with it and deliver it with a word of blessing.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Bread is a fundamental and powerful symbol of life and growth. Likewise, saying a table prayer before eating is a fundamental and powerful ritual. If you do not do so already, try including a table prayer in your daily faith practice. A common table grace is: *"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."* What others do you know?



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