

At Cross of Calvary - Week of February 23

COMMUNION – March 2, 16

TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, your Son is the water of life. We will always be thirsty for something to fill our lives until we rest in your Sons grace. Send your Holy Spirit to lead us to the river of your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless this food for our journey, to strengthen us and nourish us, as you see fit. 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>	James Harazin	<i>A Osthus</i>
Alvina Beckman	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Mike Bruns	<i>C Mallak</i>
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JoAnn Keyser	<i>C Johnson</i>	Leanne Miller	<i>S Grasmon</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
James Whitcomb, Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you to C Boen, C Mages, T Mathison, L Rauenhorst and R Elbert for moving snow...and lots of it!

VOLUNTEERS for March

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—B Boen

Ushers 8:30 —M Hanson, B & VWertish, K Elfering
10:30— D Beckler, R Elbert

Altar Guild D Beckler, M Rauenhorst, K O’Neil

Acolytes W Trongard, E Whited

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.



SOUP SUPPERS – A great way for your group to fund raise. The sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.

--Calling to Your Attention--

Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am
	Spring Fling meeting	9:30am
Mon	Ruth Circle	1:30pm
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Assemble the <i>Follower</i>	1:00pm
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45/6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
	Altar Guild	8:00pm
Thurs	Breakfast Club	7:07pm
	Quilters	9:00am
	Conference of Pastors	9:30am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am

COMING UP in March

6-8 – Craft Retreat	24 – Ruth Circle	27 – Dorcas Circle
17 – <i>Follower</i> deadline	25 – Assemble <i>Follower</i>	

Ash Wednesday	12:00pm/7:00pm	March 5
Soup Suppers	5:30 – 6:30pm	March 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
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.

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

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.

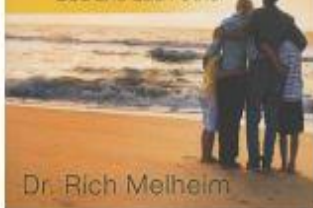
You can make this beautiful picture a reality in your home. But it won't happen by accident—you need a plan! *Holding Your Family Together* is a workable, powerful plan based on a simple nightly routine: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. This is FAITH5, and it has transformed families around the world. 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

2014 Committee Membership

Since committees were restructured a year ago, a membership update is needed. Where is God leading you to serve? Sign up on a sheet in the Narthex or check in with Laurie by email, phone or swing by.

- **Administration**

- Oversee and make arrangements for maintenance of the church and parsonage
 - Direct the council on needs for technology and property
 - Keep the Council and congregation updated regarding church finances
 - Direct the Council regarding financial needs of the church
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- **Equipping the Congregation**

Offer the congregation the opportunity and tools to do the following:

- Develop ways in which to engage the congregation socially and spiritually
 - Work with the Minister of Faith Formation regarding Sunday School
 - Assist Pastor in planning worship and music
 - Provide Comfort Meals
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- **Outreach**

- Promote the ministry of Cross of Calvary
- Offer opportunities to draw new members/engage the unchurched
- Educate the congregation on mission ministry
- Provide opportunities for the congregation to be personally involved in World Missions
- Review options for mission support and distribute funds – locally and globally

- **Youth Ministry**

- discuss the vision and ministry of youth programs at C of C
- determine the youth calendar of events
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of youth ministry – materials, funds, time, energy, volunteers, transportation, chaperons, etc.

Calling All Are Girl Scouts for Girl Scout Sunday

Wear your sashes on March 9th. See you at either service.



VFW BREAKFAST TODAY 8:00am – 1:00pm

eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits 'n gravy, coffee, juice, milk

Adults - \$8 Under 12 - \$5 Under 5 - free

LOCATION – Olivia American Legion

--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.

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.

Mar 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 Mar 12, 26

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

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.

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.



CLEARANCE TIME!!! While perusing the clearance racks and shelves for end of winter treasures, please consider Santa's Closet for discounted winter wear and toys. Yes, they are always accepting donations. Just leave items with Laurie.

John 7:37-52

Key Verses: “On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.’” John 7:37-38a

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: By this point in John’s gospel, Jesus’ teaching was beginning to intrigue, confuse, and anger people. Some were starting to believe he was the Messiah based on his teachings and signs. Others felt threatened by his words and sought to kill him.

The Festival of Booths was one of three major pilgrimages requiring Jews to travel to Jerusalem for the celebrations. The festival included ceremonies that celebrated light and water. Jesus indicated he was the source of living water and light, which amounted to blasphemy. Some debated his origin to gather proof of his blasphemy so that he could stop.

Community: How often do those who argue or debate, do so with closed ears, seeking only to prove a point, rather than to learn? What debates have you heard recently that have been closed? Which have been open? What have been the outcomes of the debates? How could you listen with openness so that you can respond with kindness, justice, and peace?

At Home: How often is Jesus your source of living water, power, understanding, or decision-making? Be intentional this week about turning to Jesus as your source of all that you do and say.

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 24, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:1-3

Tuesday, Feb 25, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:4-6

Wednesday, Feb 26, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:7-11

Thursday, Feb 27, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:12-16

Friday, Feb 28, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:17-20

Saturday, Mar 1, *Jesus and John the Baptist*, John 3:22-36

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 2, *Light of the World*, John 9:1-41

FEBRUARY 23, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood up and shouted, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you, just as the Scriptures say." – John 7:37-38 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Living Water, you promise that the Holy Spirit will make rivers of living water flow from believers' hearts. Give us this water also. May we be buckets that slosh this water all about in our daily lives. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark another person's forehead with the cross of Christ as you speak the blessing: Child of God, baptized in living water, you are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

"Who is Jesus?" During this season of Epiphany, Jesus has been revealed in the Bible readings as Living Water, Bread of Life, one who heals, one who is worthy of worship, and one who offers joy. This week's readings continue to explore the image of living water.

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 7:37-52	Jesus' promise of living water
Monday	Psalms 72:1-7	A king who is like rain
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's word is like rain and snow
Wednesday	Amos 5:21-24	Justice and fairness like a river
Thursday	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus calms the waves
Friday	Matthew 25:31-40	Offering water to thirsty ones
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7	The river of life
Sunday	John 9:1-41	Sight for a blind man

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Jesus' words about rivers of living water flowing from believers' hearts is an exciting image of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. List all the ways you use water during the course of a week. What do these ways you use water suggest to you about what the river of living water flowing from your heart is like? Wonder about the difference this river makes in your life each day.

DEVOTIONS

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

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of Christ, the Living Water. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas and question 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."

SERVICE

Water literally means life, and for many people in the world, obtaining safe drinking water is an ongoing challenge. What do you know about organizations that work with communities to construct clean wells? You can learn about efforts like this on your denomination's Web site or the Web sites of organizations such as Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org) or Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org). Plan a way to support this work financially. Could you put a nickel in a cup each time you pour a drink of water this week? Or give a gift that matches your water bill for a month? Or plan a fundraising drive with others in your church?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther suggested that when we bathe or wash our faces, we should remember our baptisms and the Holy Spirit's gift of rivers of living water. As a small ritual to help you recall this promise, say to yourself "I am baptized" the first time water touches your face each day.



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