

At Cross of Calvary - Week of March 2

COMMUNION – Every Sunday during the Lenten season

TABLE PRAYER

God of light, you spoke light into existence. You have also given us the light of the World, Jesus Christ. Thank you. Thank you for how he lights our life and gives us vision. Bless the food that we are about to eat. May it strengthen us for service in your name. 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>	James Harazin	<i>A Osthus</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>	Greg Smith	<i>D Boen</i>
Margie Barber	<i>L Schultze</i>	Lyndon Abraham	<i>D Abraham</i>

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.

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

--Calling to Your Attention--

Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am
Mon	Girl Scouts	3:30pm
	Cub Scouts	6:00pm
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Cub Scouts	6:00pm
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation	7:00pm
	Sr. Choir	TBD
	Ash Wed Worship	Noon / 7pm
	Happy Hour Hymns Musicians	8:00pm
	Altar Guild	8:00pm
Thurs	Breakfast Club	7:07pm
	Quilters	9:00am
	Spring Craft Retreat	4:00pm
Fri	Spring Craft Retreat	8:00am-10:00pm
Sat	Spring Craft Retreat	8:00am-7:00pm
	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Kids' Choirs sing	both services
	Sun School	9:30am
	Early Bird Camp registration is due	
	Baby Shower	12:00pm-2:00pm
	FUEL at CofC	6:30pm

COMING UP in March

17 – *Follower* deadline
24 – Ruth Circle

25 – Assemble *Follower*
27 – Dorcas Circle

Soup Suppers	5:30 – 6:30pm	12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
Lent Services	7:00pm	March 12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
Confirmation	7:00 pm worship	March 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr, 9
Ham Dinner		Apr 6
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 (Holy Week)		Apr 16
Maundy Thursday	12:00pm/7:00pm	Apr 17
Good Friday	7:00pm	Apr 18
Easter Sunday	6:30am/9:00am	Apr 20





Wednesday Evening Worship

Come One, Come All

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(Be sure to bring your Bible... doesn't matter what version.)



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

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



It's A BOY!

Please join us for a come and go Baby Shower honoring Melissa Schulte Swyter on Sunday, March 9, at 12pm at Cross of Calvary Church, Olivia.

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 Committees need YOU

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

- **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

- **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.

--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.



**125th Anniversary
Committee**

As the anniversary approaches, volunteers are needed to generate ideas for the type of celebration Cross of Calvary will have.

March 31 is the last day to designate your 2013 Thrivent dollars.

Spring Fling Flower Sales
begin March 30th.
See a participating youth
in grades 2-12

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.



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



- March 2 - Benefit Dinner for Dale Weilage
- Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Silent Auction information is available in the Narthex display rack.
- **GOOD GRIEF** – Renville County Hospice is sponsoring the annual grief support group beginning April 1. Fliers are available on the Comm. Board.



The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra will present “On Eagle’s Wings: Psalms for the Soul” at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at St. Andrews Catholic Church, 101 First Ave. N. in Fairfax, MN. The concert is free and no tickets are required. During the the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Renville County Food Shelf. Since 1997, the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra has presented 20 performances in Renville County, raising over \$31,000 for the Renville County Food Shelf.



In Case You Missed it! Lent Worship is for ALL

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John 9:1-41

Key Verse: “Jesus said, ‘As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’” John 9:5

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: At the time of Jesus, people believed that physical or mental disabilities or challenges were caused by sin, either of the disabled or their parents. Jesus started the conversation in today’s reading by stating the man’s blindness was not caused by sin, but could be used to show the power of God’s goodness. Many of Jesus’ words and actions were to show how God’s people had misinterpreted God’s intentions for God’s people over the years. Jesus came to help people come to right relationship with God.

The Pharisees were confused by Jesus’ works because he healed on the Sabbath, which was contrary to God’s law. How could a man of God break God’s law? They didn’t understand that the Sabbath was to serve humanity, not the other way around.

Community: Are there people today who are still blamed for their misfortune (poverty, addiction, homelessness)? How might we become instruments of healing for those people?

At Home: What stands in your way of being able to see clearly God’s intention for you and your life? Ask God to remove all barriers so that you can see God’s light in your life and follow God.

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 3, *Jesus Heals on the Sabbath*, John 5:1-18

Tuesday, Mar 4, *The Authority of the Son*, John 5:19-29

Wednesday, Mar 5, *Good Shepherd*, John 10:1-18

Thursday, Mar 6, *Witnesses to Jesus*, John 5:30-47

Friday, Mar 7, *Feeding the Five Thousand*, John 6:1-15

Saturday, Mar 8, *Jesus Walks on Water*, John 6:16-21

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 9, *Raising Lazarus*, John 11:1-44

MARCH 2, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The man said, "Lord, I put my faith in you!" Then he worshiped Jesus. – John 9:38 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Light of the World, it is your desire that all might truly see who you are. In whatever way we might be blind to your presence in our lives, open the eyes of our hearts, so we might see you. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark another person's forehead with the sign of the cross as you say this Lenten blessing:

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return, secure in the promises of Baptism, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Today is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany. This season of asking "Who is Jesus?" concludes with the story of Jesus healing a blind man, who comes to see Jesus and believe. He has an epiphany—a revelation, a light bulb moment!

On Wednesday, we move into the next church season, Lent. During Lent, we are invited to walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and to learn from him about practices that are good for our faith. In some ways, Lent is a season for the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions! The question to ask as you read each daily passage is: *Into which of the 4 Keys am I being invited?*

Sunday	John 9:1-41	Sight for a blind man
Monday	Isaiah 35:1-7	Signs of God at work
Tuesday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Wednesday	John 10:1-18	The good shepherd
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Talking with your children
Friday	Joshua 4:1-9	Remembering what God has done
Saturday	2 Chronicles 7:14-16	Call upon God
Sunday	John 11:1-44	Jesus raises Lazarus from death

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Lent traditionally is a period of “spiritual fitness” for Christians, a season of exercising and strengthening one’s faith practices. Some people choose to give up a favorite food or convenience during Lent, not as a way of earning God’s grace, but as a discipline. During Lent this year, seek to grow in your faith practices by putting yourself in the places where God promises to meet us (for example, in the Word, prayer, service) and by sharing God’s grace and love with the world.

Perhaps Lent is a time to add or strengthen a faith practice. Discuss which of the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions—you and your household want to focus on during the six weeks of Lent. How will you do this?

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 connect with other people during your devotional time?

- **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

Service can add something to your faith practice during Lent. Many congregations sponsor a serving or outreach project during Lent. If your church does, how can you participate? If it does not, how can you contribute to a hunger relief, clean water, or anti-malaria project?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

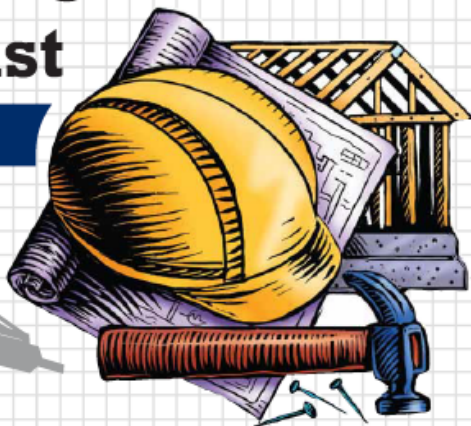
On Ash Wednesday, your church may include the imposition of ashes as part of worship. This ritual is a reminder of human mortality and sin, and of Jesus’ saving love. The black smudge is a visible reminder of sin and its cross shape is a reminder of how we were marked with the cross of Christ at Baptism.



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

Building Men for Christ

RETREAT



Friday & Saturday,
March 14-15
Green Lake Bible Camp
Spicer, MN

LUTHERAN
MEN^{IN}
MISSION

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." - Ephesians 4:11-12

WORKSHOPS:

Relational Leadership by Laura Praske, Tentmakers Ministry

Join us Friday evening for an interactive and participative workshop to integrate faith-based leadership skills into your personal and professional life.

Building Men for Christ by Jeff Mason, Lutheran Men in Mission Region 3 Board Director

Saturday will be a full day workshop on Building Men for Christ.

WORKSHOP RESOURCES:

Coming of Age
Exploring the
spirituality and identity
of younger men.



No Man Left Behind
A model for a thriving
disciple-making
ministry for every
man in your church.

Register Online at www.swmnelca.org - events page.

Registration fees includes food and programming.

\$25 for Friday's pre-retreat - No discount applied. \$65 for just Saturday's retreat - Discount applies!

*** \$65 for Friday & Saturday's retreat - Discount applies! ***

\$35 additional cost for Friday night lodging at Green Lake Bible Camp - No discount applied.

-\$5 off Discount

Receive a -\$5 off Discount if you register before March 1 - Or - Register as a Group.

Mail registrations must be postmarked before or on March 1 for discounted rate.

To download poster, registration form, & brochure visit www.swmnelca.org - events page.

Welcome to Worship at Cross of Calvary - How do things work here?

Cross of Calvary is the ELCA church in town. We are an intergenerational (fancy word for young and old) community that follows Jesus out the building to where we live. We are all learners (disciples) here. This is a safe place to practice worship. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here. No matter your status in society (young, old, never-been-to-church, conservative, liberal, married, divorced, single, cranky, questioning, allergic-to-church...) you'll fit right in. Welcome!

Participation –

- **Bold type means all of us read or pray together. Out loud.**
- Regular type means the pastor or leader reads. Out loud.
- *Italic type is meant to highlight helpful instructions.*

Announcements – Prior to worship, please hand a note to Pastor with any announcements, including prayer requests.

Prayer requests for the Bulletin – Please fill out a request card and drop it in the offering plate to ensure your request gets to the office.

Bathrooms – They are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

Exit Strategy – Nervous to stand in line and talk to the pastor? Just introverted enough that you'd like to slip away? Ok. Slip out the side door. No one will be offended, really. We hope you met someone today, but not at the risk of fleeing in fright from too much attention.

Who to see, ask, share –

- Matt Hausken, Pastor
- Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation
- Laurie Schultze, Office Administrator



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Today's musician – Casey Berg