

At Cross of Calvary - Week of March 23

TABLE PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, your Son has shown us the way of love that you command of us each day. send us forth in your Spirit so that we may follow in this way of love. Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us as we go forth and witness to your amazing love. 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>	Joan Budd Trainor	<i>S Alton</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the volunteers for Meals on Wheels.
For all the children.

VOLUNTEERS for March

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—B Boen

Ushers 8:30 —M Hanson, B & V Wertish, 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
	Natl. Gathering Mtg.	9:30am
Mon	Office closed (Chelsey will be in and out)	
	Ruth Circle	1:30pm
	Girl Scouts – Rm 8	5:15-7:30pm
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Office closed (Pastor and Chelsey will be in and out)	
	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Assemble the Follower	1:00pm
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids’ Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30pm
	Confirmation	7:00pm
	Lent Worship	7pm
	Senior Choir	TBD (watch your email)
Thurs	Breakfast Club	7:07pm
	Quilters	9:00am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
Fri	2-6 grade retreat at GLLM and Senior High Gathering	
Sat	2-6 grade retreat at GLLM and Senior High Gathering	
	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am
	Baptism – Hank Larson	10:30am
	Spring Fling Flower Sales begin	

COMMUNION – Every week during the Lenten season

Soup Suppers	5:30 – 6:30pm	26, Apr, 9
Lent Services	7:00pm	March 26, Apr, 9
Confirmation	7:00 pm worship	March 26, Apr, 9
Confirm special music for Holy Week / Easter		
Ham Dinner		Apr 6 (prep on Saturday)
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

We will be looking for YOU, your family and your friends at 7pm each Wednesday during Lent. The staff has been preparing these services with all generations in mind, and everyone will head home with:

- Practical faith forming tools for every age group – preschool, elementary, teens, young adults and the young at heart
- Having easily memorized the verse for the lesson
- A true sense of God's blessing through fellowship at service
- Your Bible filled with notes
(Be sure to bring your Bible... doesn't matter what version.)

HAM DINNER is April 6th.

Tickets will be available soon. \$8 for age ten and older, \$5 for kids.

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.

-Week of March 24 – NORTH Route

Spring Fling Flower Sales

begin March 30th.

See a participating youth
in grades 2-12

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



125th Anniversary Committee

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

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



March 26 Senior Choir
April 2
April 9 Men's Group

2014 Summer Worship schedule:

Sunday morning at 9:00am

- coffee hour to follow

Thursday evening at 6:30pm

- Service and Communion will be the same as the upcoming Sunday
- No service on July 3 or 24
- Interested in a gathering meal this year? Please contact Laurie

The summer schedule will begin Thursday, May 22. The fall schedule will resume Saturday, Sept. 6.



--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 30
Apr 27
May 11



Flowers for the Altar?

- 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.



Tuesday, March 25
7pm to 9pm
American Legion
Olivia

That's right...this is a new and exciting opportunity to have fellowship with others who enjoy faith filled music!

Happy Hour Hymns will be held on the fourth Tuesday of March, April and May at the Olivia American Legion.

This is not a church service of any kind, and is open to all. There is no cost to attend, and the Legion will have their grill fired up for those who wish to order food.

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



- 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.

John 18:12-27

Key Verses: “One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with him?’ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.” John 18:26-27

Time: 33 CE

Background: In John’s gospel, Judas came to arrest Jesus at the garden with a detachment of soldiers and police from the chief priests and Pharisees. Jesus came forward willingly, knowing his time had come. Prepared for a fight, Peter and the other disciples drew their swords. Peter even cut off the ear of the slave of one of the high priests before Jesus calmed the crowd.

Jesus was not as silent in John’s gospel as in the others. Instead, he spoke plainly, challenging them to find untruth in his words. They could not, of course. But perhaps they were more afraid of the truth of his words than of lies.

Community: What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? Once discovered, how might you learn to live differently?

At Home: How often do you let peer or cultural pressure shape your behaviors? When was the last time you stood up against pressure to conform or compete? How might you let go of the desire to engage in those comparisons or competitions?

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 24, *The Plot to Kill Jesus*, John 11:45-57

Tuesday, Mar 25, *Mary Anoints Jesus*, John 12:1-8

Wednesday, Mar 26, *The Plot to Kill Lazarus*, John 12:9-11

Thurs, Mar 27, *Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*, John 12:12-19

Friday, Mar 28, *Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus*, John 12:20-26

Saturday, Mar 29, *Jesus Speaks about His Death*, John 12:27-36

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 30, *Jesus and Pilate*, John 18:28-40

MARCH 23, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

While Simon Peter was standing there warming himself, someone asked him, "Aren't you one of Jesus' followers?" Again Peter denied it and said, "No, I am not!"
– John 18:25 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Merciful Jesus, every single day there are opportunities to be faithful to you and opportunities to deny that we have anything to do with you. Sometimes it is just easier not to be involved with you at all. Forgive us. And daily call us to meet you in our caring conversations, our devotions, our serving, and our rituals and traditions. 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

The daily readings invite us to consider Jesus' earthly ministry and glimpse how his words and deeds eventually will lead to his arrest, trial, suffering, and death. Think about where you might be in each story. For example, when Peter denies knowing Jesus, ask yourself, "What would I have done?"

Lent is a season for the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotion: Service, Rituals and Traditions! After you read each passage, pause a moment to think about this question: *How might regular practice of the 4 Keys help me express allegiance to Jesus Christ?*

Sunday	John 18:12-27	Jesus' trial and Peter's denial
Monday	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Reviewing the Passover
Tuesday	Psalms 1:1-3	Like trees planted by streams of water
Wednesday	Matthew 7:24-28	Hearers and doers of the Word
Thursday	Mark 9:33-37	On being welcoming
Friday	Luke 8:1-3	Women follow Jesus
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7	Taking care of the widows
Sunday	John 18:28-40	Jesus' kingdom not of this world

CARING CONVERSATIONS

John 18:12-27 describes Jesus' suffering during the last days of his earthly life. Most of his disciples have abandoned him. Peter, who hasn't run away, denies that he even knows Jesus. Sit quietly and think about a time when you felt like you were completely alone and abandoned. Tell another person about this time. Discuss: *How close did you feel God was to you during this time? What helped you to endure?*

DEVOTIONS

As the seasons change, your schedule may change as well. You may need to choose a new time for everyone in your household to gather for devotions. 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? What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

SERVICE

There are many people who feel abandoned and alone. Whom do you know who may be feeling this way right now—a friend in the midst of cancer treatments, a family member in a nursing home, or a neighbor navigating a tough life situation? What might you do or say to offer support and encouragement?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes household members share time and space, yet rarely speak to each other about things that are important. A ritual and tradition of seeking out time for Caring Conversations is a key practice for defending against experiencing this kind of isolation. What things do you need to take into account to encourage time for such conversation—electronic distractions, work schedules, mealtime rituals, others?



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

Special Music for Holy Week



If you are considering providing special music, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below and submit it to the office no later than **April 6th**.

NAME _____ Cell/Home phone _____

Maundy Thursday (HS and adults)	Good Friday (HS and adults)
Apr 17 noon or 7:00pm	Apr 18 7:00pm
All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6	All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6
Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:	Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:
----- It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO	----- It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO
Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names:	Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names:
You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name:	You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name:
Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____	Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____
Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO	Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO
You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO	You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO

Notes: _____

Special Music for Easter



If you are considering providing special music, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below and submit it to the office no later than **April 6th**.

NAME _____ Cell/Home phone _____

Sunrise Service (HS and adults)	Service (HS and adults)
Apr 20 6:30am	Apr 20 9:00am
All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6	All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6
Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:	Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:
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