

*Flowers placed on the Altar by the Bratsch family
are in loving memory of Ludie Mammen.*

Sept 21	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Girl Scouts	5-8:30pm
Mon	Ruth Circle at Parkview	1:30pm
	Library reserved	6-8pm
	Kettle Bells – FH	6:15pm
Tues	Kettle Bells – FH	5:30am
	Men's Bible Study	6:15, 7am
	Fold the Follower	1:00pm
Wed	First Communion Class	3:15-4:30
	WOW	3:15-4:30
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45/6:00pm
	Financial Peace University	7:00pm
	Kettle Bells– Ed. Wing	7:40pm
Thurs	Kettle Bells – FH	5:30am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
Sat	Wedding off-site	2:00pm
	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30/10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am



Communion - Sept. 21

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Communion 8:30 – S Whited 10:30 – A Thompson

Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish

Ushers 8:30 - M/J Grund, D Gross, B Slagter

10:30 - D Senger, D Steffel



PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Eva Klase	<i>T Kadelbach</i>	Joyce Lindgren	<i>S Alton</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Mary Ann Bently	<i>M Hausken</i>
Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Dale/Lucy Stucke	<i>W Stucke</i>

Paraguay Missionaries – The Kevin and Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries – Paul and Jay Mikaelson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For those who helped with the Faith 5 Event!!! Thank you!

Worship and Bulletins

The order of worship is the larger, white handout. Please return it after Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 8:30 services for use at later services.

The bulletin (announcements) is the smaller, colored handout. Please take just one per family.

Altar Guild Meeting - Sunday, October 26, at 7pm

Ruth Circle meets at Parkview at 1:30 on Mon. Lesson 23, p. 93



Santa's Closet. It's never too early to be thinking of donating to Santa's Closet. While you are out and about, keep this ministry in mind. Keep an eye out for a drop off box in the entry way.

CLICKERS?!?! How about you? Two or three new volunteers would be great! Training takes about 30 minutes, and for the first several times you click, a trained person is sitting with you. How often, and at which service, you'd like to volunteer is up to you. Give Laurie a call 320-523-1574.

Confirmation Suppers. Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. More information and a sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.

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

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 (Thursday in the summer).

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Please contact Laurie ...even if you have mentioned it to Pastor.
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.
- Names for the Follower must be submitted before the deadline date.

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.

Only 3 months away!!



As some of you may know, last year was our 19th Christmas Bazaar. A new committee will be taking over and will be hoping to fill the shoes of Bonnie Triplett, Mary Senger and Faye Johnson. Please, if you see these ladies, thank them for their time and effort – the bazaar funds have provided many needed items over the years!

There will be a few small changes, but we still need your delicious baked goods! Soups are also very popular, so please remember the bazaar this fall during soup season...

The new committee of Dana Boen, Cathy Helin, Sandy Gay and Kathy Altmann look forward to our 20th anniversary!! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months...



Scrap/Craft/Quilt Retreat

Home Improvement

October 23-25, 2014
Thurs - Doors open at 5:30pm
Fri - 8AM to 10pm (or later)
Sat - 8AM to 7:30PM

Location: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

Contact: Laurie Schultze—church office

Phone: 320-523-1574

Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Website: crossofcalvary.net

What to bring:

- Personal Crafting Supplies
- Task light, extension cord, multi-plugs
- Comfortable task chair (optional)
- Snacks to share—participants will contribute to the coffee shop snack supply (munchies, sweets, fruit, etc.)

- **Come and Go atmosphere** (according to your needs)
- **Breakfast & Lunch included on Friday & Saturday**
Meals are prepared for us, and each participant will be assigned a meal time to serve and clean up. Be sure to indicate when you will be here for meals.
- **"Solid Ground Coffee Shop"** - coffee, tea, soda, water (sweets and snacks shared among participants)
- **Prayer and Praise time**

Don't delay! Spaces fill up FAST!

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Type of craft _____

Arrival day _____ Est time _____

Departure day _____ Est. time _____

Preferred soft drink _____

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:

Friday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch
Saturday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Note: Even if you think you may be here at meal time, check it.
What to do if you didn't check a meal, and you will be around at mealtime...eat with us! There's plenty! Really!!!

_____ I will help set up at 4:00 on Thurs

Registration and payment of **\$30**
is due by **October 9**

Please make checks payable to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to the address above.
Registration confirmation and follow-up information will be sent to you after your form and fees are received.



- **Sept. 23 - Renville County Senior Expo:** Bird Island Ballroom.
- **Sept. 28 – Renville United Methodist Church Ham Dinner:** 11am-1pm.
- **Oct. 8 – Roast Beef Supper** at Faith United Methodist, Olivia, 5-7pm
- **Oct. 9 – Golden Living Center’s Fall Bazaar.** 2:00-3:30pm. Donations to the bake sale, craft sale & cleaned items for the Farmer’s Market welcomed.
- **Oct. 12/13 Dementia Education** at Willmar Evangelical Free Church.

God's Story Your Story

September 21, 2014

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household’s daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.
God of presence, you remained faithful to Joseph, even in his darkest hours. Remind us daily that you are with us in every circumstance of our lives. Help us live with gratitude for your presence, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday’s reading.
From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. Genesis 39:5

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.
Joseph’s life had many ups and downs. He was born into a life of enough means to get by fairly well. But then his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. In slavery he rose to the head of household, where he enjoyed many privileges, but then his owner’s jealous wife made up a terrible lie that landed him in jail. In prison he rose to the head of the ranks of prisoners, where he enjoyed many privileges, but people in power forgot about him and he remained in prison many years. When finally he was released, he rose to the top of Pharaoh’s governing board, where again he enjoyed many

privileges.

Throughout all his highs and lows in life, God remained faithful to him. God's blessings became apparent, not explicitly because Joseph himself seemed blessed, but that others were blessed through Joseph. This blessing of others echoes the promise of his ancestor, Abraham, whom God promised would be "blessed to be a blessing" to the world. Indeed, Joseph was a blessing to the world despite his own life's circumstance.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Follow the story of how Joseph brought his brothers (who became the 12 Tribes of Israel) to Egypt to save them from famine. See how the Egyptians soon forgot Joseph's good deeds and enslaved the Israelites.

Sunday, Genesis 39:1-23, *Joseph in Prison*

Monday, Genesis 50:15-21, *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Tuesday, Genesis 50:22-26, *Joseph's Death*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:1-22, *Oppression of the Israelites*

Thursday, Exodus 3:1-12, *Moses at the Burning Bush*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Exodus 13:17-22, *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*

Where did God show up in these stories? How did God show up? What is the nature of God in these stories of deliverance?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What systems are in place in your community that serve to oppress? What systems deliver from oppression?**
- **How does God bless others through you? What gifts do you bring to those around you?**

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Use your gifts to serve others this week. If you play an instrument, play it at a nursing home. If you are good with finances, offer to help someone manage their debt. Be creative! God gave you your gifts for a purpose!

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who always works for good, teach us by your word to trust you above circumstance, to follow you when temptation beckons. Amen.

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Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— “The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care, because the Lord was with Joseph; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.” —Genesis 39:23.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK—*To be used in a variety of ways over the course of the week—first thing in the morning; before you go to bed; as an opening or closing to household devotion time (see reverse); etc.*

God, Who Travels with Us in our Daily Lives—As you were with Joseph, working even in the tough spots of his life, so help us to trust you are with us in the tough spots of our lives. We pray in the name of the crucified and resurrected Jesus. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE—*A blessing can be a powerful ritual that reminds us of God’s promises and presence, both through the words, as well as the touch that we share. This can be used as a “good-bye.” It could be used as a bed-time blessing. Be creative in the way you bless and are blessed by the people in your life.*

As you mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, say,

“God was with Joseph even when he couldn’t see God. Remember that God has promised to be with you always. Amen.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*Filling in the gaps. Again, the gap between the Sunday readings is quite large. This week, as we move from Genesis to Exodus, the readings seek give you some handles as to how it is that God’s chosen people came to be in Egypt. You also will be reminded of Moses’ origins. Like last week’s focus, the promises God has made to his people are very much in jeopardy. So continue to ask the questions, “How are God’s promises threatened? How are they protected or renewed?”*

Sunday	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in Prison
Monday	Genesis 40 & 41	Joseph Interprets Dreams
Tuesday	Genesis 42 & 43	Famine in Canaan
Wednesday	Genesis 44-46	Joseph Brings His Family to Egypt
Thursday	Genesis 48, 50:15-21	Jacob Passes on God’s Promises to His Family and Joseph Forgives His Brothers
Friday	Exodus 1 & 2	Slavery & Moses’ Origins
Saturday	Exodus 3	God Calls Moses Through a Burning Bush
Sunday	Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29	Rescue at the Sea

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible like the Spark! Picture Bible (Augsburg Fortress) or The Jesus Storybook Bible (Zondervan). The Children’s Illustrated Bible (New Leaf Press) is a good Bible for young readers that also includes nice illustrations and explanations. Often, you might find that the children’s bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

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CARING CONVERSATIONS—Each week, a topic for discussion is introduced that is connected to the weekly theme introduced by Sunday's Bible reading. This topic can be used at any time during the week. But it is not by any means the only Caring Conversation you can have—try checking in with "Highs & Lows" (What was the best/worst part of your day?) or "God moments" (Where do you think you saw God's love active and present today?). The main point is to be on the look-out for opportunities to move your household's talk from the surface toward intimacy.

- In the early parts of the Joseph story, he's not a real easy person to deal with. (Notice what his brothers did!) How do you deal with difficult people? (Hopefully that doesn't include throwing them down a well!) Talk about this.
- As you read through the whole Joseph story (Genesis 37-50), there are few places where God is identified as an active part of the story and no places at all where God speaks directly to anyone. This is VERY different from pretty much the rest of Genesis. Talk about that. Do you think that means God WASN'T present?
- Joseph adds the "faith talk" to his life's story at the very end of the story: "Even though you intended to do harm, God intended it for good..." (Gen. 50:20). Can you talk about a tough time that was resolved in which you might interpret God's presence with you?

DEVOTIONS—One way of thinking about devotions is as a continuation of our community's worship, or at least as a connection with it. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions:

- **Gathering Prayer**—This might include a lit candle; the PRAYER FOR THE WEEK from the front; or a suggestion from the RITUAL & TRADITION below.
- **Caring Conversation**—As suggested above, this could be as simple as a daily check in with each other or an extended conversation using the topic(s) suggested above.
- **Daily Bible Reading**—Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading? Households with small children might simply review the basics of the story read from an age-appropriate Bible.
- **Closing Ritual**—Some way of signaling the end: A BLESSING TO SHARE from the front; the Lord's Prayer; or a song, either sung or recorded. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with YOUR household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bed time? Even if you don't have children in your household, or if you live alone, be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions.

SERVICE—SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

The messiness of Abraham & Sarah's family continues well into the Joseph story. There are many denominational support organizations (i.e., Lutheran Social Services) that seek to help families negotiate their own messiness. Find out about your denomination's, and figure out a way that your household might support them.

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—In the Bible, God's promises are passed on through some sort of ritual blessing. (See Genesis 48, for example.) This week, continue to focus on ways of blessing each other using the BLESSING TO SHARE from the front.

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