

Oct 19	Worship	8:30/10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	FH Reserved	10:30-2:30
	Baptism – Linde	12:00pm
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
	Kettle Bells	6:15pm
Tues	Kettle Bells	5:30am
	Men’s Bible Study	6:15, 7am
Wed	NO WOW, Kettle Bells	
	Confirmation Banquet	6:30pm
	Financial Peace University	6:30pm
Thurs	Kettle Bells	5:30am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
	Craft Retreat	5:30pm – 10pm
Fri	Craft Retreat	8:30am – 10pm
Sat	Craft Retreat	8:30am – 7pm
	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30/10:30am
	Confirmation Service	10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Altar Guild	7:00pm

Communion - Nov. 2, 16

Coming up in October

- 27 Ruth Circle
- 28 Assemble the *Follower* at 1pm
- 29 3rd Grade Bible class begins



November 2 - First Communion

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Betty Mowitt	<i>D Boen</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Kristin Luckey	<i>S Metteer</i>
Kensleigh Luckey	<i>S Metteer</i>	Ruth Woltjer	<i>M Hausken</i>

Paraguay Missionaries – The Kevin and Rebekah Howell family
 Bolivia Missionaries – Paul and Jay Mikaelson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING Fall color!

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Communion 8:30 – D Neville 10:30 – D Altmann

Altar Guild E Ziesmer, E Vogt

Acolytes J Neville, E Larson

Ushers 8:30 - R/G Hagen, J Dotson, J Johnston
10:30 - S/L Johnson

thank
you!

The annual Confirmation Dinner will be on October 22. We are asking the congregation to please sign up to help with this memorable event by donating food items. The tear sheets are posted on the YOUTH board. Thank you for your contributions!

NEW CLICKERS?!?! 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.

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.



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 are on the BOARD.

Reminder - There is a locked mailbox outside the office door for notes, offering envelopes, registrations, etc. Please do not leave these items on Laurie's desk.

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

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.

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.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



- **Oct. 25** WELCA Fall Bazaar at St. Luk's, Franklin
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God's Story Your Story

October 19, 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.

Patient and forgiving God, you helped David see his sin, and then you forgave him, and remained faithful to your promises. Help us see where we fall short, so that we might live rightly in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday’s reading.

He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die…” Nathan said to David, “You are the man!” 2 Samuel 12:5b-7a

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

One day while King David was walking upon the king’s roof, he saw a beautiful woman bathing. He asked about the woman and discovered she was Bathsheba, wife of Uriah. He sent for her, and lay with her, and she became pregnant.

When David discovered she was pregnant, he sent for Uriah who was serving as a soldier in David’s war. He tried to get Uriah to go home and lie with his wife so that it would seem as though her baby belonged to Uriah. But Uriah was a faithful servant, and soldiers were not to enjoy comforts of home while they were serving. Uriah refused to lie with her. To cover his indiscretion, David had Uriah sent to the front lines of the war, where he was killed. When Bathsheba’s time of mourning was over, David brought her to his house and she became his wife.

All of this angered God, who had given David everything he had ever wanted or needed. God sent the prophet, Nathan, to confront David. Nathan used the story of the rich and poor man to reveal David’s sin. David repented. As a punishment, God did not let his child live. But then God forgave David and remained faithful to God’s covenant with David.

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

Follow the stories of Solomon’s birth and rise to power, following the death of his father, David.

Sunday, 2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9, *David and Bathsheba*

Monday, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23, *Bathsheba’s Child Dies*

Tuesday, 2 Samuel 12:24-25, *Solomon Is Born*

Wednesday, 1 Kings 1:1-21, *The Struggle for Succession*

Thursday, 1 Kings 1:22-27, *The Struggle for the Succession*

Friday, 1 Kings 1:28-53, *The Accession of Solomon*

Saturday, 1 Kings 2:13-25, *Solomon Consolidates His Reign*

What role did God play in the accession of Solomon? What role did his mother, Bathsheba play?

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?**
- **Where do you see power struggles within your community? In these struggles, who gets hurt? Who gains the most? How might God shape how power is distributed within your community?**
- **When have you committed a sin that you were unable to see? How did you come to realize your sin? What did you do next?**

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week. **Write a letter forgiving someone of a sin they committed against you. You need not send it; simply write it, and see how your forgiveness shapes your attitude this week.**

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God of grace, help us hear the promise of grace in the midst of acknowledging our failures. Give us courage to trust in your love. Amen.

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Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. —Psalm 51:1

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.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen. (Psalm 51:10-12)

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 has washed you and made you clean in God's love. Amen."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*The legacy of David and his household might be the original soap opera. Adultery; betrayal; and violence are all part of the story. One would not blame parents of all children for skipping over large swaths of this story in favor, perhaps, of tamer texts like David's Psalms—for example, Psalms 8, 18, 19, 23, 25:1-12. In fact, one might very well ask the question of these readings: What in the world is God up to in these events? Warning: there may not be an easily identifiable answer, except to say that God continues to be faithful to God's promises to God's people, sometimes in spite of God's people.*

Sunday	2 Samuel 12:1-9 Psalm 51:1-9	David & Bathsheba
Monday	2 Samuel 12:15b-25	Darkness Falls Over David's House
Tuesday	2 Samuel 15:1-16	David's Son Absalom Steals the Throne
Wednesday	2 Samuel 18:1-15	Tragedy Continues: The Death of Absalom
Thursday	2 Samuel 22:1-51	David's Song of Thanksgiving
Friday	1 Kings 1:1-37	Solomon Becomes King
Saturday	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	David's Instructions to his Son Solomon
Sunday	1 Kings 3:1-28	Solomon's Wisdom

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.

- The 9th and 10th commandments speak of coveting, desiring that which is not yours. How does coveting connect with Nathan's story about the rich man and the poor man? (2 Samuel 12:1-9) How does coveting lead to everything else wrong in Nathan's story?
- Psalm 51 gives us a glimpse into David's heart as he seeks new life after what he has done. Tell about a time when you received forgiveness.
- Psalm 51:7 says, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean...". Hyssop is a plant that carries with it some cleansing properties. How many different kinds of cleaning agents can you name? (For example, "tooth paste.") How might you write your own Psalm and replace "hyssop" with the cleaners you have named?

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.

Forgiveness—as opposed to holding grudges or exacting justice—very well may be a crucial and life-giving way to serve God by serving others. Seek out ways to forgive this week and to ask for forgiveness.

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—The PRAYER FOR THE WEEK on the front might be a great way to develop an occasional RITUAL for forgiveness in your household, either as part of the **Gathering Prayer** or **Closing Ritual**. Maybe it would look something like this: () PRAYER FOR WEEK () Mark each other's foreheads with water in the sign of the cross. () Use the words of BLESSING FOR WEEK.

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