

<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>Worship</b> NO Sunday School	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Kettle Bells Library reserved	12:15pm 6-8pm
<b>Tues</b>	Kettle Bells Men's Bible Study Cub Scouts	6:15pm 5:30am 6:15, 7am 6:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	WOW Confirmation Meal/Class Advent Service	3:15-4:30pm 5:45/6:30-7:45pm 7:00pm
<b>Sat</b>	Bazaar	11:00am-1:00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Worship</b> Sunday School Gal's Holiday Dinner	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>8:30 / 10:30am</b> 9:30am



Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net). It is updated daily.

**Coming up in December**

**Communion - Dec. 7, 14, 21, 24, 28**  
**Advent 7pm - Dec. 3, 10, 17**  
**No Wed Kettlebells during Advent**

- 14 Sunday School Program 10:30am
- 15 January Follower due
- 18 Dorcas Circle 10:00am at Masters
- 21 NO Sunday school
- 22 Ruth Circle 12:00
- 24 NO Wed programs, **Christmas Eve Services 4:30 and 10:00**
- 25/26 Office Closed
- 27 NO Saturday worship
- 28 Worship 9:00am only, and no Sunday school
- 30 Assemble the Follower at 1pm
- 31 NO Wed programs

**PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH**

<b>Prayer for</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Prayer for</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Mary Ann Bentley	<i>L Schultze</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Evelyn & Greg Rosenow	<i>T Kadelbach</i>
Nicholas Alton	<i>S Alton</i>		
Willard Toltzman	<i>F Johnson</i>	Wayne Harguth	<i>S Bratsch</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Joann Keyser	<i>M Bentley</i>
Stucke family	<i>W Stucke</i>		

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

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Leftovers!

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**Communion** 8:30 – E Skeie 10:30 – C Johnson

**Altar Guild** S Malecek, H Thompson, J Evenson

**Acolytes** T Mertens, S Helmer

**Ushers** 8:30 – K Larson, N Bahl, D/S Lindquist  
10:30 – S/L Altman

Thank  
you!

## CHRISTMAS ACOLYTES

4:40 J Hanson, M Lilja

10:00 D Gluesing, E Thompson

## Advent – Friends and Family

Pastor would like to include families and/or groups of friends with the lighting of the Advent candles at each service. What a joy to see children and families, friends and neighbors taking an active role during worship as we prepare for Christmas!

Please contact Pastor or Laurie for more information. To choose a date and service time, locate the following sign-up sheet on the BOARD.

Dec 07	8:30 Hanson	10:30 Newville
Dec 14	8:30	10:30 Sun Sch.
Dec 21	8:30 Sagedahl	10:30



## 20th Annual Snowflake Bazaar is Dec 6

The “auction” is going to be held differently this year, in that people can purchase tickets and put them towards a chance at winning the items that were donated. Tickets will be sold on the weekends preceding the actual Bazaar date, as well as at the time of the Bazaar. Drawings will be held that same day.

We also need your baked goods! This year the youth are going to be frosting cutouts, so if you would like to donate some baked cutouts, they can take it from there! Stay tuned for dates of baking and decorating...

**Santa’s Closet.** While you are out and about, keep this ministry in mind. A drop off box is in the entry way.

## Want to share special music at Christmas?



If you are considering providing special music at the Sunday School Service on Dec. 14, or at the Christmas Eve service(s) on Dec. 24, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below, or in the Follower, then submit it to the office by the due date noted. Thanks!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunday School Program</b> (Preschool – grade 12)	<b>Christmas Eve</b> (HS and adults)
<b>Dec 14 10:30</b>	<b>Dec 24</b> please circle 4:30 or 10:00
<b>The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 5</b>	<b>The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 12</b>
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: \_\_\_\_\_



[www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts)

*This Christmas, the Altar Guild is promoting the ELCA Good Gifts program.*

#### What are you asking of me?

You are encouraged to join in support of long-term, sustainable solutions that nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. Make your donation in HONOR to or in MEMORY of loved ones and ensure that your good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They will keep on giving for years to come.

#### What about poinsettias?

This opportunity for giving is in place of purchasing poinsettias for the Altar. Have no worry, the Altar Guild will be placing a number of poinsettias around the Altar for Christmas.

#### My donation?

Any donation is welcomed. The amount you give will remain confidential, yet will show up on your yearly giving statement. Please make checks to Cross of Calvary.

#### Deadlines?

Sunday, December 21, is the last day to submit a donation, because the names of those for whom you honor will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

#### How do I make a donation?

- Envelopes are in the church entry.
- Fill in the information on the front.
- Place your check or cash inside.
- Seal.
- Put envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door (not in the offering plate, please).

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

THIS GIFT WAS GIVEN BY

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle) In memory of honoree \_\_\_\_\_

Your gift will help us love to others through the Cross of Calvary in the world. Thank you.

www.elca.org/goodgifts


Please place in the mailbox outside the office door.

**STILL ON THE SEARCH...** How about trying your hand as a clicker? 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.

**LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES.** 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.

Didn't you find it on your desk?  
...or in a drawer or on your chair?

Not always. Please use the mailbox  
outside the office door. Even on Sunday.



### 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.

## Widow's Holiday Luncheon

December 10, Wednesday  
12:00

Marlys Klinghagen's home.

Call Marlys to RSVP

## HONEY – DO

Take down the Faith 5 Banner in the Fellowship Hall

## Cut Out Cookies

If you are making cut outs for the youth to frost for the Bazaar, please have them at church by 5pm on Wednesday., Dec. 3

### CHECK THE COMMUNITY

**BOARD** - East Entrance (take-home fliers often available)



November 30, 2014

# God's Story Your Story

**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 faith, you promised your people deliverance and evidence of your presence. Grant us the same faith that we might know you are near, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Habakkuk 1:2*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Habakkuk was a prophet who spoke to Jerusalem when it was just about to fall to Babylonian exile. The people had not believed they could be conquered, and yet exile was at their doorstep. Their faith in God wavered, and they questioned where God was.**

**God responded to Habakkuk’s plea, “How long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?” God’s response promised that those who live by faith can endure great suffering. God suggested faith as a way of life. Faith is stronger than despair.**

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

**Follow the book of Habakkuk, as the prophet proclaims both judgment and the promise of restoration.**

Sunday, Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19, *Faith as a Way of Life*

Monday, Habakkuk 1:5-11, *The Prophet’s Complaint*

Tuesday, Habakkuk 1:12—2:1, *The Prophet’s Complaint*

Wednesday, Habakkuk 2:5-14, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Thursday, Habakkuk 2:15-20, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Friday, Habakkuk 3:1-7, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Saturday, Habakkuk 3:8-16, *The Woes of the Wicked*

**What was God doing here? How were the people’s actions punished or rewarded?**

**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?**
- **In what ways is your community in exile? Where do you feel your community is isolated from God? Where do you feel it is close to God?**
- **When has your faith in God been tested? In what ways have your beliefs changed as you learn and grow?**

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

**Hold a prayer vigil for your community and those communities around you.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**God our strength, we rejoice in you as we hear your word. Speak faith and patience to us today. Amen.**



NOVEMBER 30, 2014



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**—The righteous live by their faith.—Habakkuk 2:4b

**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.*

**O, Lord**—Like Habakkuk, we might look around at the violence and injustice in our world and ask, “Will you not save?” You promised him that there would come a day when all things would be made right. In this season of waiting, strengthen our faith in you and in your promises given to us in 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,*

**“Rejoice in the Lord. Exult in the God of your salvation. Amen.”**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**—*The prophet Habakkuk probably wrote right before the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 BC. We know little else about the prophet other than his name. Habakkuk wrote his book as a dialog or conversation between him and God, which other prophets and writers in the Bible also used. (See Job 38-42, for example.) This week’s readings will repeat some of Sunday’s sections, but this time, your household is encouraged to read it like a dialog. Have someone read Habakkuk’s part; then have someone read God’s part. Additionally, you will continue to hear those prophetic themes that are lifted up throughout the Old Testament prophets—concerns about who/what is being worshiped; justice issues related to the economy, treatment of the poor, etc.; and (less so in Habakkuk) a vision of a wide welcome for people beyond God’s chosen people. Listen for these as you read. Finally, the week’s readings wrap up by going back and picking up some of the history of Jerusalem’s fall.*

Sunday	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4, 3:17-19	Faith as a Way of Life
Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-11	Habakkuk’s Complaint (1-4); God’s Answer (5-11)
Tuesday	Habakkuk 1:12-2:14, 18-20	The Conversation Continues
Wednesday	Habakkuk 3:1-2, 8-19	Habakkuk’s Prayer of Fear and Trust
Thursday	2 Kings 23:31-24:7	The Beginning of the End for Jerusalem
Friday	2 Kings 24:8-20	The Beginning of the End for Jerusalem, Part 2
Saturday	2 Kings 25:1-21	The Fall of Jerusalem
Sunday	Esther 4:1-17	Esther

*If you are using a kid-friendly Bible in your household, you will very likely NOT find these readings there. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*



**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 book of Habakkuk is written as if it was a conversation between God and Habakkuk. Habakkuk asks hard questions of God like, "Why don't you fix what's wrong in our country?" If you were to ask hard questions of God, what would you ask? Look at Psalm 6, 10, and 13 for ways that other people of faith questioned God.
- Advent is a season of waiting—waiting for the celebration of Christmas; waiting for school to be out; waiting to open presents; and more. In Habakkuk 2:2-4, God tells Habakkuk to wait. What is hard about waiting? Is there anything good about waiting? What helps to pass the time while you wait?
- In the end, Habakkuk says that he will rejoice, sing, and trust in God, even if bad things happen (3:17-19). What is your favorite Advent or Christmas carol, and why?

**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**—If your household uses an Advent wreath, this might be the point to light it, followed by the PRAYER FOR THE WEEK from the front or the one suggested below under RITUALS & TRADITIONS.
- **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, especially a song of the season during Advent. 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.

Many households will be decorating for the season at this point. How can you be helpful around the house?

**RITUALS & TRADITIONS**—Here is a prayer for lighting the Advent wreath that echoes the Advent carol, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O Emmanuel, God With Us, Jesus Christ—You are the desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples. Come and dwell among us. Amen.




# Cross of Calvary 20<sup>th</sup> Annual


## Snowflake Bazaar!

Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 11 am to 1 pm

1101 W. Chestnut – Olivia



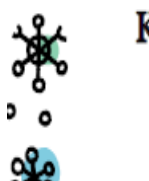
Luncheon – Barbecues, salads, chips, desserts  
and drink – \$5.00 with takeouts available!



Bake sale with cookies by the dozen, lefse,  
krum kaka, candies and baked goods too  
numerous to mention!

### NEW THIS YEAR!

Raffle items, tickets only \$1.00!



Kid's craft room – make an ornament while  
parents shop!

