

Jan 11	Worship	8:30am / 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15am / 7am
	Cub Scouts	6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Wow/WeeWow/Kids' Choirs	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45pm / 6:30pm
	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs	February Follower Deadline	
	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30am / 10:30am
	ANNUAL MEETING	9:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am

Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at crossofcalvary.net. It is updated daily.

Coming up in January

- 22 Dorcas Study
- 26 Ruth Study
- 28 NO Wednesday programming

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Joann Keyser	<i>M Bentley</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Sean Giessen	<i>S Beckler</i>	Lloyd Bentley	<i>M Bentley</i>
Deb Person	<i>K Person</i>	Annie Wilner-Miller	<i>D Boen</i>

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING Rest!

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – D Newville 10:30 – M Jensen
- Altar Guild** R Berg, T Stovern
- Acolytes** D Newville, H Evenson
- Ushers** 8:30 – e Bratsch, B/T Kopel, G Mertens
10:30 – D/L Frank

Thank you!

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.

Office Mailbox

- Use for dropping off offering, messages, registrations. Checked daily.

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)



- **BOLD HS Prom Fundraiser** Jan 18, 11am-2pm, American Legion in Olivia
- **Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's Black Tie Gala** Feb 14. Tickets available.

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 25, 2015 at 9:30 (alternate 02/01/15)

God's Story Your Story

January 11, 2015

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.
Jesus Christ of Spirit and fire, at your baptism you began your public ministry. Open our hearts to receive the words you came to speak. Open our lips to share your message of love with all who will hear, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.
This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Matthew 3:3

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.
John the Baptist was a prophet at the time of Jesus. He baptized in the Jordan River, asking people to repent for their sins. He knew Jesus was coming. He also knew that when Jesus started baptizing, it would be even more powerful. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John gathered followers, baptizing them into a life of righteous living. Religious and political leaders who arrived at the Jordan River were reprimanded for their lack of righteous living. When Jesus was baptized, his public ministry began. He helped people to understand that righteous living was necessary, not for eternal salvation, but for the well-being of the human community.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.
Read about prophecies that promised a Messiah from King David's heir.

Sunday, Matthew 3:1-17, *Jesus' Baptism*

Monday, Psalm 2:7-8, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Judges 13:1-7, *The Birth of Samson*

Wednesday, Isaiah 11:1-9, *God's Peaceful Kingdom*

Thursday, Zechariah 3:1-10, *Joshua and Satan*

Friday, Numbers 31:21-24, *Cleansing by Fire*

Saturday, Isaiah 40:1-11, *A Voice in the Wilderness*

What did God promise the people? How does the story of Jesus' baptism connect with the prophetic scripture readings?

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?**
- **How does your community of faith honor its baptismal promises for those who are baptized?**
- **How do you claim God's baptismal promises in your daily life? What difference does your baptism make in your life?**

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

Visit a body of water near your home (a lake, ocean, or river). Reflect on how God's baptismal promises show up in your life.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

You, O God, call us to turn to you daily. Open our ears to hear your word and our lives to follow you. Amen.

Mark your calendars for the
Spring Craft Retreat
March 5 - 7.