

Jan 18	Worship	8:30am / 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15am / 7am
Wed	Wow/WeeWow/Kids' Choirs	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45pm / 6:30pm
Thurs	Quilters	9:00am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun 25	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

26 Ruth Study 28 NO Wednesday programming

Feb. 8: Kids' Choirs sing at both services
 March 5 – 7: Mark your calendars for the *Spring Craft Retreat*

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>
Belmer Fostvedt	<i>S Fostvedt</i>		

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING A warm up.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

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



Congregational Meeting

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

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.

God's Story Your Story

January 18, 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.
Lord Jesus, you proved to be a formidable foe for the tempter. Give us strength to resist the temptations of this world, and rejoice in the heavenly gifts promised to all who follow you, for the glory of the Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.
Jesus began his ministry with 40 days of fasting and praying. During that time, the devil took advantage of his weakened physical state to attempt to tempt Jesus to abandon God and worship him.
The first temptation preyed on his hunger, tempting him to break his God-honoring fast. The second temptation preyed on his ego, tempting him to prove that he was God's son. The final temptation preyed on his ambition, tempting him to give up God in exchange for the whole world. But Jesus resisted each temptation, knowing that the rewards of heaven far outweighed any temporary satisfaction earthly desires could offer.

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

Follow these stories of temptation and Jesus' early ministry.

Sunday, Matthew 4:1-17, *Tempted in the Wilderness*

Monday, Psalm 91:9-12, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Genesis 1:26-27, *Creation of Humanity*

Wednesday, Genesis 3:1-7, *Temptation in the Garden of Eden*

Thursday, Deuteronomy 8:1-10, *A Warning from God*

Friday, Matthew 4:18-22, *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Saturday, Matthew 4:23-25, *Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People*

How does temptation help or hinder people's relationships with God?

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 a community come to agreement about which laws, rules, or norms are to be followed? Which rules or norms are unique to your setting? How are they followed? How are they enforced?**
- **What tempts you the most? How can your faith help you resist temptation?**

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

Choose one temptation to resist this week. Look at the challenge not as a punishment, but as an opportunity to be free from the object of your temptation. Notice how you feel after one week of abstinence.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who gives strength when we are tempted, remind us as we hear your word that you understand what we face. Thank you for sending Jesus. Amen.

Take Note:  *Something from the service that speaks to you?
A reminder from the announcements?*