

***This Week at Cross of Calvary: Jan 22-29***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Annual Meeting 9:30am</b>
8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship /Kids' Choirs
9:30 am	Sunday School / Annual Meeting
12:00	Sledding
<b>Monday</b>	
1:30 pm	Ruth Unit
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:15, 7:00 am	Men's Bible Study-Church
1:00 pm	<b>ASSEMBLE the FOLLOWER</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study @ Parkview
3:15 pm	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs
5:30 pm	Confirmation meal and class
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:07 am	Breakfast Club
9:00 am	Quilting
9:30 am	Dorcas Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	
10am-1pm	FH is reserved
5:30 pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Sunday School / Youth Breakfast
<b>February</b>	
1-3	Mid Winter Convocation
1	NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING
2	Library is reserved (1-3)
5	Super Bowl of Caring
6	FH reserved (3-9)
8	Cooking Club (gr 6-8)
11	"Walking Together"
15	Spaghetti Dinner

***Table Prayer for the Week***

Gracious God, in the midst of our oftentimes noisy lives, may you slow us down to hear where your call is leading us. May we not only hear but may you give us the strength to follow. Thank you for the food that we are about to eat. May it energize us to be blessings in your world. Amen.

***Prayer Request***

**MILITARY – (listed until notified of their return)**  
Carolyn Wertish-Heiser, Todd Hammerschmidt, Paul Plumley, Joshua Keyser and Jake Dillon,

**PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH**

Jeff Holmer	[K. Erickson]
Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]
Vlad Barnes	[L Blem]
Barb Miller	[B Miller]
Jim Plumley	[C Plumley]
Mike Bruns	[M Brown family]
Nikki Gleasner	[M Hanson]
Chet Boen	[A Boen]
Megan Buysse	[S Kubesh]
Carrie Nicholson	[A Boen]
Mike Gregoire	[D Boen]
Gordy Blem	[L Blem]
Madison Travers	[K Barta]
Justin Lothert	[graduates of 2011]
Christie Engelmann	[S Grasmon]
Chuck and Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]

**Reminder - Managing the Prayer List:**

- Please gain permission from those you wish to add to the prayer list.
- Names will remain on the list during the month in which they were submitted and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.
  - o Phone: 523-1574 or 523-5857
  - o Email: [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today at 9:30am**

Alternate date in case of poor weather is  
Sun, Jan 29, at 9:30

Notice of this meeting is published in the "Follower,"  
in the bulletins, on the screen and on the webpage.

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**CHECK YOR MAILBOX**

END-OF-YEAR GIVING STATMENTS  
Offering envelopes for 2012

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED.**

Please consider offering your time to assist with worship – usher, reader, communion assistant, special music, run the screen

**Readers:**

1/29	8:30 – S Larson	10:30 - _____
2/5	8:30 - _____	10:30 - _____

**Ushers:**

Feb 8:30 - T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, \_\_\_\_\_  
Feb 10:30 - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Assts**

<b>Feb 5</b>	8:30 – _____ & _____
	10:30 – N Serbus & _____
<b>FEB 26</b>	8:30 – _____ & _____
	10:30 – _____ & _____

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

**JAN 22** – NO Coffee  
**JAN 29** – Youth Board  
**FEB 5** – Youth  
**FEB 12** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Jan Acolytes**

Abby Steffel  
Amber Enestvedt

**Announcements**

**Church accessibility during the winter.** Please call whenever you need the church opened outside of the following times. We will be happy to accommodate your needs.

Monday	8:30a – 7:00p
Tuesday	8:30a – 5:00p
Wednesday	8:30a – 7:00p
Thursday	8:30a – 5:00p
Friday	8:30a – 5:00p
Saturday and Sunday	8:00a – 5:00p

Craig Boen 522-0266 Laurie Schultze 522-1199
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 7:00pm
Thursday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 2:00pm

**Lenten book--*Making Sense of the Cross*.** Order yours by February 5. Cost is \$13.00 Sign up on the BOARD. (For those who ordered earlier, you do not have to sign up again.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:**

Please see that your children report to the following locations. Do not send them to their regular classroom.

Pre – K:	Room 1 and 2
Gr 1-6:	Fellowship Hall
Gr 7-9:	Attend the Annual Meeting with their parents/teacher

**Quilters:** Meet every Thursday to make quilts for mission in the Fellowship Hall. Join them when you can at 9:00! Be done when you feel like it. There is always coffee and treats.

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline** is Thursday by noon. 523-1574 or [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

**March Follower Deadline** is Feb 20

**The 2012 altar flower list** is on the BOARD and ready for names. Simply sign up for a Sunday, and someone will call to assist you.

**WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S MISSION:**

congregation members, council officers, Christian educators, worship and youth leaders, pastors...

**-YOU-**

February 11, 2012 9:00am—3:30pm  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar

The ministry of our church is truly the responsibility of all members of our faith family. Equipping you, to plan and serve, is Pastor's and Chelsey's mission. In this month's Follower, please check out a fantastic learning opportunity offered by our Synod. Pastor and Chelsey say to register Cross of Calvary for multiple attendees. Why? Because there are 26 workshops from which to choose, and at least 19 apply to us! A sign up sheet is on the BOARD. There is no cost to participants. Car-pooling will be offered.

## INFORMATION UPDATE

Please take the time to update your contact information on the sheet provided. Simply fold and tear along the dashed line and put it in the offering plate. Or send the information electronically to Laurie at [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

**Be a reader? Me?** Yes, being a reader for church is a breeze. A new format means no more shuffling papers back and forth. Clearer directions are provided. Larger print and wider spacing are also a plus. And most importantly, look for the phonetic spelling help whenever you face one of those difficult names! Have your readings sent to your home via email or post. There will always be an extra copy in your church mailbox. Sign up on the BOARD for an open Sunday or talk to Laurie.

### Larger print in a 3-ring binder for \$15

The technology committee has reproduced the "old" cookbook and will sell it as a fund raiser for technology needs. Check with Laurie .



### Narthex Renovation

Just completed - insulation in the east and west entrances to help keep the Narthex warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Sheet rocking and finishing the new ceiling is underway. Thanks for being patient with the construction.

**There are soup (\$4) and cookies (\$3) in the freezer.** Drop the money off with Laurie and enjoy!

## SNOW!!!

**The church is looking for snow removal for the parking lots. Please call Dennis Schultze at 320-290-8676.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### Children (under 18)

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Phone numbers

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Cell Number

### Email addresses

Address	Name	Okay to include in group message YES/NO

**Thank you to those who have served our faith family so well this past year! Their time and talent are gifts for which we were blessed.**

### Council

Jennifer Grund	Todd Gay
Deb Knudson	Greg Mertens
Morgen Dietrich	Keith Larson
Sue Altmann	Gordy Blem
Nanette Serbus	Marie Rauenhorst
David Torgelson	Cindy Johnson

### Auditing Committee

Gary Beltz  
 Sue Erickson  
 Dawn Mertens

### Nominating Committee

Stacey Larson  
 Annmarie Suess  
 Tara Amberg

### Endowment Committee

Dick Hagen  
 Brian Boen  
 Sandy Kubesh

### Head Usher and Assistant

Steve Wertish  
 Dave Revier

### Congregational Representative to the Synod and Conference 1yr. Term

Duane and Mary Senger  
 Karen Flom

### Representative to the Association of Gustavus Adolphus College

Jim & Mary Page

Altar Flowers: There are openings throughout the year; the sign-up sheet is on the BOARD. Simply sign up for a Sunday, and someone will call to assist you.

## Soup Suppers

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30)  
 Groups may sign up for Soup Suppers by contacting the office

Feb 22	Youth (Ash Wed)
Feb 29	Technology Team
March 7	
March 14	National Gethering
March 21	
March 28	Men's Group

## YOUTH BREAKFAST is NEXT SUNDAY

January 29, 9:30 – 11:00

Youth are preparing a waffle and sausage breakfast! YUMMMM.....

**Where did all the kitchen towels go????** Thanks for taking the towels and wash cloths home to wash. Just, please, remember to bring them back...we are getting a bit low!

## NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)

We are excited about the launch of the new church website. The Osthus family has dedicated this amazing ministry tool in memory of Sharon Osthus. It is a wonderful gift to the church and to our community. Check it out at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net). There you will find the Follower, the weekly bulletin and the church calendar. Interact with Pastor, Chelsey and Laurie on the Faith Blog. Need to add someone to the prayer list? You can do it online! Be sure to subscribe to the Faith Blog, so you will receive notification when the Follower, the bulletin and messages from the staff are posted.

### Mid-Winter Get-Away.

Sat. Feb 11, from 2-4 at RenVilla Centennial Circle. Free hot dogs on the grill and root beer floats.

# PLEASE

Take the time to fill out the other side of this sheet

- Drop it in the offering plate
- Leave it in the office
- Email the info to [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

Over time cell numbers get changed, new email addresses are used, home phone numbers are dropped, or mailing addresses change. Thus, we are finding it is getting more and more difficult to contact members of the church. Don't assume we have all of your current contact info. Help us update our records.



# ORDER

**your Papa Murphy's Pizza  
from a participating Youth.**

## PICK UP

**your Papa Murphy's Pizza**

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm – 6:30pm in the **PRE-SCHOOL ROOM**. Use the SOUTH ENTRANCE, so we do not disturb Vespers. If you cannot pick up your order, please make arrangements to have someone do it for you.

**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES require a RESERVATION:** We are blessed to be a very busy church. So, when using any part of the church for a meeting, service project, event, fund raiser, etc., please call the office to guarantee there are no conflicts. 523-1574

**Up for a challenge???** Let's see if we can get the WOW treat sheet filled for the rest of the year!!!! Check out the open dates on the BOARD & sign up. There are about 40 kids. Treats can be simple; just check with Laurie for ideas.

## STAFF NEEDS HELP

The staff (Pastor, Chelsey and Laurie) will be attending a three-day workshop, Feb 1-3 (Wed-Fri). Would you consider sitting in and answering the phones? Please call Laurie at 523-1574 to sign up.

Wed, Feb 1 8:30-11:30 and/or 12:30-3:30  
Thur, Feb 2 8:30-11:30 and/or 12:30-3:30  
Fri, Feb 3 8:30-11:30 (office closed at 11:30)

## SUNDAY REFLECTION – DOING GOD'S WILL

**READINGS:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
**GOSPEL** MARK 1:14-20

### MY NOTES

### MEMORY VERSE:

*God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)*

### REFLECTION:

In his unending creativity, God calls us to know him and to serve him in a way that is unique to each of us. In today's first reading, we see Jonah, a fearful prophet, first resisting God's call but then giving in—resulting in the conversion of the entire city of Nineveh. What causes you to resist God's call? What is it that finally draws you to action?

What did Jesus mean, in the Gospel reading, when he said to his disciples, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:16)? In what ways do you believe that Jesus is calling you, at this time, to be his witness and be "fishers of men"?

### PRAYER:

Take some time now to pray that God would give you the grace to say yes more fully to Jesus' call to be his disciple and to be "fishers of men."