

This Week at Cross of Calvary: Jan29-Feb5

Sunday
8:30 & 10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School / Youth Breakfast
1:00 pm Golden Living
7:00 pm Sr. High Group (at CCOC)

Monday

Tuesday
6:15, 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study-Church

Wednesday **Pastor, Chelsey & Laurie gone**
NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING
9:00 am Men’s Bible Study @ Parkview

Thursday **Pastor, Chelsey & Laurie gone**
9:00 am Quilting

Friday **Pastor, Chelsey & Laurie gone**

Saturday
5 – 6:30pm Papa Murphy Pick Up (South Doors)
5:30 pm Vespers/ Communion

Sunday **Souper Bowl of Caring**
8:30 & 10:30 am Worship / Communion
9:30 am Sunday School / Coffee Hour
12-6pm FH reserved

February
6 FH reserved (3-9)
8 Cooking Club (gr 6-8)
11 “Walking Together”
15 Spaghetti Dinner
22 Ash Wednesday (1pm and 7pm)

Table Prayer for the Week

Gracious God we give you thanks for your Son who speaks to us with authority. The voice of that authority gives us a new life in you each day. May we live this out faithfully in our lives. May the food we are about to eat strengthen us for this service. Amen.

Website: crossofcalvary.net

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]
Jim Plumley [C Plumley]
Nikki Gleasner [M Hanson]
Chet Boen [A Boen]
Carrie Nicholson [A Boen]
Gordy Blem [L Blem]
Madison Travers [K Barta]
Justin Lothert [graduates of 2011]
Christie Engelmann [S Grasmon]
Chuck and Connie Grewe [V Mittelstadt]
Aaron Casey [S Alton]
Kathy More [S Alton]
Kathy Dunkin [S Alton]
Arlow Johnson [S Alton]
Robert Murphy [S Alton]
Theresa Besgens [L Baumgartner]

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

February Communion Dates ~ 5st & 26th

CHECK YOR MAILBOX

END-OF-YEAR GIVING STATMENTS
Offering envelopes for 2012

March Follower Deadline is Feb 20
Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Feb 28

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.
523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED.

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

FEB Altar Guild—Lynnette Blem, Shirley Kircher

Communion Assts.

FEB 5	8:30am – J Hanson	10:30am – N Serbus
FEB 26	8:30am – M Rauenhorst	10:30am – N Serbus

Readers

FEB 5	8:30am - J Hanson	10:30am - N Serbus
FEB 12	8:30am -	10:30am -
FEB 19	8:30am -	10:30am -
FEB 26	8:30am - M Rauenhorst	10:30am - N Serbus

Acolytes

FEB Josie Lilja, Alen Helmer

FEB Ushers

8:30am - T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, S Malecek
10:30 am -

READERS and USHERS are needed for February! Let’s not be subtle about it...we need people to check their calendars and commit to signing up.

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

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.)

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.

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.

Last chance to register!!!!

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. 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! Contact Pastor or Laurie. There is no cost to participants. Car-pooling will be offered.

Narthex Renovation

As of Thursday, the ceiling is finished. Installation of lighting, some trim work and a coat of paint on the block walls will take place in the next couple weeks. Look for the new carpet to follow!

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

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

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

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

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

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.

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

NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE

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. 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.



Name _____
Name _____

Children (under 18)

Address _____

Phone numbers

Home phone _____

Name	Cell Number

Email addresses

Address	Name	Okay to include in group message YES / NO

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

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.

JUSTIN LOTHERT BENEFIT

Olivia Firemen's Chili Feed

Sunday, Feb 5

Olivia Fire Hall - 1007 W Lincoln Ave

10:30am – 1:30pm

FREE WILL DONTATION

Hey Kids!!! Truck rides
and photo opportunities.

Bring your cameras!

PICK UP

your Papa Murphy's Pizza

Saturday, February 4th, from 5pm – 6:30pm in the **PRESCHOOL 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.

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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.

YOUTH BREAKFAST is TODAY

January 29, 9:30 – 11:00

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)



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What is CIRCLE? Circle stands for: (Creative Integration of Resources for a Cohesive Life for Everyone)

Resources include: money, time, talents, networks, community resources and supports

Our belief is that *everyone* has resources to offer and everyone has needs.

Circle's is the same as MentorWorks Too-Kinship's mission which is to establish quality relationships for the purpose of friendship, support, stability and community. You can get stuff anywhere but not with a positive caring relationship. **Our vision** is the recycling and sharing of resources for stronger communities through building community, dignity, self respect and relationships.

We value the creation of caring communities by welcoming all, valuing all, supporting all and learning from all.

We try to efficiently redistribute goods and services from individuals, businesses, and churches to individuals and families in need and to communicate availability of resources to community members in need to avoid and minimize the impacts felt by individuals and families in crisis. The faster a family gets on their feet the stronger and healthier our communities are.

CIRCLE Boutique (Thrift Store)- is a means to raise funds to support the other projects. The store is run with volunteer staff.

CIRCLE Clothing Pantry (Free household and clothing pantry)- is available free to families and individuals in need of household furniture, utensils, appliances, and clothing. The pantry moves people out of the crisis situation into a thriving situation faster. The pantry also is a segue for the mentor program and other support programs.

Summer Camps- CIRCLE applies on the behalf of disadvantaged children to summer camp opportunities in Minnesota. CIRCLE coordinates funding and transportation through other agencies and grants.

Salvation Army Vouchers- CIRCLE is a Renville County client support agency trained by the Salvation Army to provide emergency aid to families and individuals.

"Getting Ahead in a Just getting by world" Groups – CIRCLE is offering this curriculum developed by AHA Process to assist individuals and families eligible for government assistance to move out of poverty.

MentorWorks Too-Kinship is an adult to youth- one on one mentoring program that serves children in Renville County. This has been in existence for over 12 years under the fiscal responsibility of the RCW School District. The program may expand to include other mentoring relationships such as financial mentoring, teen mother mentoring, mentoring for mentally ill adults.

Back to School Supplies-CIRCLE collects school supplies from individuals, churches and organizations and distributes to Renville County students whose families would not have the financial ability to purchase necessary school supplies.

Quilts- CIRCLE distributes quilts made and provided by area church women's groups to families in need.

Winter Outerwear Distribution -Good used winter outerwear such as snow boots, snow pants, jackets, hats and gloves are collected and distributed to children and adults in need.

Santa's Closet – This Renville County Christmas gift program is coordinated by CIRCLE. Volunteers collect money, toys and other gift items to distribute to disadvantaged families at Christmas time.

Comfort bags for foster kids-CIRCLE coordinates the preparing and distribution of duffle bags with toothbrush, toothpaste, fleece blanket and stuffed animal for children entering the foster care system.

SUNDAY REFLECTION – GUARD YOURSELF

READINGS: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

GOSPEL MARK 1:21-28

MY NOTES

MEMORY VERSE:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

REFLECTION:

Today's Gospel warns us to be guarded against evil spirits. These tempting, harassing spirits are always present in whispers and half-truths. Confusing us is their goal. Don't be intimidated or afraid. Jesus overcame the evil spirit in today's Gospel and overcame all evil that day on the cross. Think of ways you can be more alert to the tactics of evil spirits.

Jesus' authority: He teaches with authority, heals with authority and delivers the man with an unclean spirit with authority. And the people reacted in amazement. When have you ever been amazed by Jesus' healing touch on your life or on the lives of others? What was so amazing about it?

PRAYER:

Begin today and every day by praying for protection against evil spirits. All we have to do is say the words that Jesus taught us: "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a teacher you liked and respected. What did you learn from them?
- Read Mark 1:21-22. Why do you think people were amazed at Jesus' teachings?
- What do you find amazing about Jesus?
- What do you wish to learn from Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

Make it a focus of your home prayer time this week to pray for teachers, including those who teach others about Christ in seminaries, schools and churches.

SERVICE:

Think of a teacher you are thankful for. Phone them with a word of encouragement, write them a letter, or send them a card.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

If you have a household member who is a student, share a household time of prayer and blessing. Here is a prayer you can use:

Heavenly Father, be with ___ in his/her studies. Keep ___ safe from anything that would harm him/her in body, mind or spirit. Help ___ to gain enjoyment from learning and to learn well. Help ___ to be happy at school and to have good friendships. Help ___ to show your love to others at school and to do what is right. And help ___ to remember that you are with him/her every day, whatever happens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*:

The Gospel story from Mark shows Jesus' power over evil. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Deliver us from evil." This is what Martin Luther wrote about this prayer in his *Small Catechism*:

"In this prayer we sum up all our prayers. We are asking: 'Father, save us from every kind of evil – anything that could hurt our body or soul, our possessions or reputation. Be with us when we die. Be kind to us and take us from the troubles of this world to be with you in heaven.'"



DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit
Monday	Matthew 7:15-29	Jesus teaches with authority
Tuesday	Matthew 8:28-34	Jesus heals two men with demons
Wednesday	Luke 4:31-37	Jesus' authority over evil spirits
Thursday	John 5:16-27	Jesus' authority to judge
Friday	Acts 16:16-18	Paul casts out an evil spirit
Saturday	Psalms 35:1-10	God is our defender
Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Every bone in my body will shout: "No one is like the LORD!" You protect the helpless from those in power; you save the poor and needy from those who hurt them." **Psalm 35:10 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please protect us from evil and teach us your ways. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, without your love we'd go unfed. Thank you for our daily bread. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus protect you from evil and teach you his ways. Amen.