

**This Week at Cross of Calvary: Feb 12-19**

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 & 10:30am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School / Coffee Hr
5:30pm	NOG Potluck
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:15, 7:00am	Men's Bible Study-Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study @ Parkview
3:15pm	WOW/WeeWOW/Kids' Choirs
4:30pm	Cooking Club
5:00-7:00pm	Spaghetti Supper
6:00pm	Confirmation Class
7:00pm	Committee Meetings
8:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:07am	Breakfast Club
9:00 am	Quilting
<b>Saturday</b>	
10:30am	Graceful Parenting
5:30 pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mardi Gras Breakfast</b>
8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship/ NO COMMUNION
9:30 am	Sunday School / Breakfast

**February**

22	Ash Wednesday 1pm and 7pm
22	Youth Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm
23	Dorcas Study 9:30am
26	Kids' Choirs Sing / CLOCK 5:30
28	Assemble the FOLLOWER
29	Soup Supper/ Lent Service

**Table Prayer for the Week**

Gracious God, you do choose to heal us. May we go and share this good news now that Christ has given the command that he desires the healing of the whole world. May the food we are about to eat strengthen us so we can do this to your glory this day and every day. Amen.

**Website:** [crossofcalvary.net](http://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 Grasmond]
Chuck and Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]
Mike Bruns	[M Brown Family]
Betsy Hennen	[B Hennen]
Aaron Casey	[S Alton]
Kathy More	[S Alton]
Kathy Dunkin	[S Alton]
Arlo Johnson	[S Alton]
Robert Murphy	[S Alton]
Theresa Besgens	[L Baumgartner]
Verna Mertz	[R Mertz]
Mark Gregoire	[D Boen]
Kristin Luckey	
Ronald Hayek	[M Bently]

**Adding loved ones to the Prayer List:**

- **Please gain permission.**
- **Fill out a request form:** below or at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- 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.

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

YOUR PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON TO BE ADDED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Share with the congregation (prayers in church)

\_\_\_\_ Keep private

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the prayer recipient's permission? \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

MAR 26 8:30 – M Rauenhorst 10:30 – N Serbus

**Readers**

FEB 12 8:30 - T Gay 10:30 – K Flom  
 FEB 19 8:30 – T Gay 10:30 – M Thiesse  
 FEB 26 8:30 - M Rauenhorst 10:30 - N Serbus  
 MAR 4 8:30 – J Hanson 10:30 -

**Acolytes**

FEB Josie Lilja, Alen Helmer

**FEB Ushers**

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

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS** for signing up to serve on Sundays! Your dedication to assisting with worship is a blessing!!!

**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

**February Communion Dates** ~ 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**March Follower Deadline** is Feb 17 (CHANGED!)  
**Assemble the Follower** at 1pm on Feb 28

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

**Narthex Renovation**

The ceiling looks great! Look for trim, paint and new carpet in February.

**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**

**Soup Suppers**

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30) Enjoy fellowship, a hearty bowl of soup and support the various ministry/missions of the church.

Feb 22	Youth (Ash Wed)
Feb 29	Technology Team
March 7	Gillette Children's Blankets
March 14	National Gathering
March 21	Band equipment
March 28	Men's Group

**NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE**

**[crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)**

Have you subscribed to the Blog yet? As a subscriber, you will receive email notices when that church staff posts on the Blog. Don't worry; we won't clutter your in-box. Chelsey and Pastor send a message just once a week, and Laurie publishes the weekly bulletin. And...the Follower also is published on the Blog!!!!

**CARPET for the fellowship hall & balcony!**

Check out the chart in the Narthex. Thanks to those who have gotten us started on our way to our goal of 290 square yards!

21,350 - YTD receipts  
 27,360 - YTD receipts needed per budget

**Feb 26th - Camp Sunday!** All children grades 2 and up will have a chance to win one of six \$50 scholarships to apply to their camp registration fee! Please put your name in the box in the Narthex. Camp brochures and registration forms will be handed out during opening for Sunday school. Parents can talk to Cheryl Mallak about your child's youth account balance, about starting an account or for any further camp information.

**Youth Board is looking for new members.** Youth Board helps support the Ministry of Faith Formation by making financial decisions, discussing and assisting with programs, events and fundraising. Anyone interested please contact Chelsey 523-1574 or Cheryl 523-5029.

**SOUPER BOWL of CARING THANKS!!!!**  
**52 food items and \$427.30 in cash donations are going to the Renville Co Food Shelf! WOWza!**

News from The Renville County Food Shelf. The food shelf is available to any Renville county resident. The Food Shelf and Clothing Center are located at 902 1/2 W Depue Ave, Olivia, MN 56277. The hours for the Food Shelf and Clothing Center are Monday 1-3, Tuesday Closed, Wend. 10-3, Thurs. 5-7, Friday 1-3. **We are currently in need of volunteers to work at the food shelf and clothing center. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Food Shelf at (320) 523-5339 or you can leave a message at (320)523-2052. It does not matter if you can only volunteer once a month or every day. We are very short staffed at this point and would like to see 2 volunteers from each of the churches in Renville County.** It is a very good feeling to know that you are helping less fortunate families in our surrounding communities that may be struggling or going through a tough time in their lives. Also, looking for your extra plastic grocery bags. Just drop them off.

**COMMUNITY BOARD - EAST ENTRANCE!**

**Be a Winner Chicken Dinner – Kiwanis for Kids.** Tuesday, Feb 28, 4:30-7:30. Chicken dinner with all the good stuff!!! Master's Coffee Shop/CCOC. Free-will offering.

**Family Style Turkey Dinner – Zion Methodist in Buffalo Lake.** Wed, Feb 15.

**23 down...hundreds to go!!!!**

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)

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

**SUNDAY REFLECTION – HEALING TOUCH**

**READINGS:** 2 Kings 5:1-14  
 Psalm 30  
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**GOSPEL** MARK 1:40-45

**MY NOTES**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*MY GOD, I CRIED OUT TO YOU, AND YOU RESTORED ME TO HEALTH. (Ps. 30:2)*

**REFLECTION:**

Today's Gospel describes a healing deeper than that of the flesh. When the man with leprosy felt the touch from Jesus, he was healed instantly. Jesus took away the disease that separated him from his brothers and sisters. But, did you notice that this story takes a surprising turn? The man is able to join his loved ones, but Jesus is forced to remain outside the community. He has touched a leper. He, by law, is unclean and must stay away so not to contaminate others...

...and the Gospel comes into focus! Jesus took away the sickness of sin and the rejection we deserve. He cleansed us on the cross.

Ponder the ways in which Jesus has healed you. What has he cleansed you of, through the power of the cross?

**PRAYER:**

Jesus, Jesus, I bow at your feet, for the leper was me. Amen.



**CARING CONVERSATION:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- How does it feel to be left out? Share about a time when you felt that way.
- People with leprosy were not allowed to mix with others in Jesus' time. When Jesus healed the man with leprosy, how do you think the man's life might have changed? (Read Mark 1:40-45.)
- How has Jesus changed your life? How does he want us to treat others who feel left out?

**DEVOTIONS:**

This week, make a point of praying for people who are sick. Prepare a list of people and mention them by name each day in your household prayers. You might want to ask your pastor for the names of people in your church who need prayers of healing. Prepare "get well" cards to send to them.

**SERVICE:**

In Jesus' time, lepers suffered not only because of their sickness, but also because they were social outcasts. When Jesus healed the leper he gave him a whole new beginning in life. Talk about people you know who may feel left out at school, church, or in the community. Plan to invite such a person for a meal or to be part of a household activity. Pray for them as a household.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:**

Post a "Question of the Week" on a piece of paper or a whiteboard in a common area of your home, together with a pen or marker. Questions might include, "What are your favorite foods?"; "What is a birthday gift you'd like to receive?"; "What is your favorite Bible story?"; "What annoys you?" Invite household members to post their answers during the week. Use the answers as the basis for sharing and conversation. Change the question each week. Ask household members for their question suggestions.

It is good to create rituals of family strengthening in our daily lives. It is not uncommon for one child or person to feel "left out" as compared to a sibling whom they view as "better" or more favored by their parents. In responding to the behaviors and achievements of their children, parents can unconsciously send the message that one child is preferred over and against another. It is important for us to be intentional in showing love to all of our children in ways that are not behavior-dependent. When a child misbehaves, take time to explain, "I don't like what you did, but I still like you." Compliment them for their own unique and special qualities. Give unconditional affection.



**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 1:40-45	Jesus heals a man with leprosy
Monday	Exodus 4:1-7	A sign for Moses
Tuesday	Numbers 12:1-15	Miriam struck with leprosy
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 26:1-21	Uzziah struck with leprosy
Thursday	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus heals ten lepers
Friday	Acts 19:11-20	Paul heals the sick
Saturday	Psalms 6	Prayer for healing
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

I am in deep distress. How long will it be? Turn and come to my rescue. Show your wonderful love and save me, LORD. **Psalm 6:3-4 (CEV)**

**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, we want to be healed. Please show us your kindness. Amen.

**Mealt ime Prayer:**

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow. For food and drink, we thank God now. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God show you kindness, bring you healing, and crown you with love. Amen.

# Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the Men's Group in support of youth scholarships for camps and mission

**5pm-7pm**

Adults = \$6.00  
 Confirmation Students = \$5.00  
 Children, ages 5 to 11 = \$4.00  
 Children 4 and under are free  
 Take-outs available



# Justin Lothert Benefit Dinner

Son of Mitch and Chris (Koupal) Lothert



Menu:  
*Beef in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes  
 with Corn, Coleslaw, and Cake*

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Serving from 11 AM to 2 PM

St. Mary's Church Hall

Bird Island, MN



Free Will Offering – proceeds will go toward Justin's medical expenses.



# Scrap/Craft/Quilt

March 15-17 **SPRING** Retreat

Registration and payment of \$20 are due no later than Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to:  
 Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
 1103 W Chestnut Ave  
 Olivia, MN 56277

Confirmation of your registration and follow-up information will be sent to you after the registration form and fees are received.

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:  
 Friday 10am breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30pm lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday 10am breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30pm lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Type of craft \_\_\_\_\_

Est. arrival \_\_\_\_\_ dep. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred soda \_\_\_\_\_

I can help set up at 4pm Thurs.

I can help tidy up on Sat. night

I am interested in card making  
 and have included the \$10 fee

BLOOM WHERE  
 YOU ARE PLANTED...  
 John 10:10



Sponsored by St. Mary's School  
 and BOLD Schools



"Purchase a Prayer"

Sponsored by St. Mary's High School  
 Religious Education Program



Bracelets



Silent  
 Auction

Sponsored by the Olivia Fire Department



Justin has been diagnosed with an inoperable Grade II Astrocytoma brain tumor and will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy.

For more information or to donate contact:  
 Val Serbus • [valeriseserbus@gmail.com](mailto:valeriseserbus@gmail.com) • 320-365-3626

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD/BROKEN TECHNOLOGY

**Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is partnering with Vintage Tech Recyclers to collect and recycle electronics.**

Vintage Tech Recyclers is R2 certified in responsible recycling by the EPA, is ISO 14001 certified in environmental compliance, and is committed to keeping electronics out of landfills. Vintage Tech Recyclers dispose of computer hard drives using standards better than the Department of Defense.

Drop off times are **Monday - Thursday 9am - 11am.**

Electronics can be brought to the Habitat offices, 619 Benson Avenue SW in downtown Willmar. There is no fee for recycling electronics, but a \$5-\$10 donation is welcomed.

**Electronics accepted include:**

**TVs, computers, phones, copiers, remotes, radios, microwaves, and more. \*All batteries must be removed from items. NO batteries!**

Questions-contact Ashley at [320-231-2704](tel:320-231-2704), or email [vista@habitatwcm.org](mailto:vista@habitatwcm.org).

## Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Put on by our YOUTH Serving 5:30 – 6:30

-Donations for food items and worker signup sheets are on the Youth Board.



## Match the Carpet—fund raiser!

Let's see about getting the carpet for the Fellowship Hall and balcony. If we order it soon, it will match the Narthex! We need 290 square yards of carpet @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation). How many square yards will you be calling your own??? Pastor says he's going to buy some yardage just so he can spill coffee on "his" carpet...ha ha!!! Check out the chart in the Narthex. Watch us shade in the square yards as donations come in! When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows: *Regular offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Carpet Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_*



## Looking for good company And a great meal?

**Olivia LSS Senior Nutrition~  
Congregate Dining and Meals on Wheels  
Come and enjoy visiting with friends, great food,  
wonderful atmosphere and much more, including  
great opportunities to volunteer.**

Congregate dining at *Masters Café*  
Meals served daily- no reservations required.  
Meal tickets available at F&M Bank

Meals on Wheels available at both  
*Masters Café* and RC Hospital

Gift Certificates available

A donation of \$3.50 per meal for people 60 and older  
helps us meet the cost of the meal.

Lutheran Social Service Senior Nutrition is funded in part with federal funds under contract with the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act.

Please call 866-974-0289 for more information

[www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition)

Join us for breakfast  
*New Orleans-style*

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> during  
coffee hour

**M**eat us, **P**ray with us,

**E**at with us!

We are your 2012  
New Orleans Gathering  
participants! (NOG)

Help us reach our BIG goal  
with an authentic  
New Orleans breakfast!

Proceeds go to National Gathering expenses

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT

**MENU**

Beignets will be served  
-HOT  
-HOMemade  
-DELICIOUS!

Breakfast Burritos  
Fresh Fruit  
Café Au Lait

*CofC youth*

*Graceful Parenting*

February 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM

Family, FRUSTRATIONS, Fellowship, Faith.

A support group for parents with kids of ANY age.

Come to get advice, give advice, or just be with  
adults!

Snacks, coffee, and prayer available

\*childcare will be provided.

**Sr. High Gathering!**

WHEN: March 30-31<sup>st</sup>

WHERE: Mankato

SPEAKER: Pastor Matt Hausken

BAND: Avian Sunrise

Cost: (no more than) \$95

Get your \$50 deposit to Chelsey by Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Small Group leader and LYO applications  
available!

thinking about camp??

Parents and kids gr 2-12 come February 26<sup>th</sup> during  
Sunday School to get all the info.

Don't forget to put your name in for a chance to  
win a camp scholarship!