

This Week at Cross of Calvary: Mar 4 - 11

Sunday
8:30 & 10:30am Worship / Communion
9:30am Sunday School / Coffee Hour
12:00pm FH reserved
6:30pm FUEL @ CCOC

Monday
3:15pm Scouts

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

Wednesday
9:00am Men's Bible Study @ Parkview
3:15pm WOW/WeeWOW/Kids' Choirs
5:30-6:30pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Lent Service / Confirmation

Thursday
7:07am Breakfast Club
9:00am Quilting

Saturday
5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday
8:30 & 10:30am Worship
11:30am Baptism
9:30am Sunday School / Coffee Hour
12:00pm FH reserved
1:00pm Golden Living Center Service

March
15-17 Craft Retreat – FH
25 Ham Dinner

March Communion Dates ~ 4th and 19th

Table Prayer for the Week

Gracious heavenly Father, may our continued Lenten journey serve as a reminder to us that you give to us all we need. May we daily learn to trust and follow you and to share your grace with the world. Bless now the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us for faithful service in your name. Amen.

Prayer

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]
Jim Plumley [C Plumley]
Nikki Gleasner [M Hanson]
Chet Boen [A Boen]
Carrie Nicholson [A Boen]
Madison Travers [K Barta]
Justin Lothert [graduates of 2011]
Christie Engelman [S Grasmon]
Stephanie Alton [S Alton]
Mike Gregoire [D Boen]
Mike Bruns [M Brown Family]
Theresa Buesgens [L Baumgartner]
Gina Wog [L Schultze]
Al Engstrom [R Linde]
Lauren Peterson [D Boen]
Randy Akre [J Weis]
Gina Wog [L Schultze]
Julie Mitchel [W Stucke]
Bruce McElmury [C Mallak]
DJ Revolinski [C Mallak]

Praise

Welcome Cody Winston Cole! Son of Nate and Angela Cole and little brother to Madelyn. Cody was born on February 28th. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

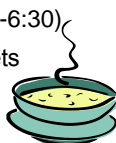
Adding loved ones to the Prayer and Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer page at our website - crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

Soup Suppers

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30)

March 7 Gillette Children's Blankets
March 14 National Gathering
March 21 Band equipment
March 28 Men's Group



VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED.

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

MAR Altar Guild—D Beckler, M Rauenhorst
Kristi O'Neill

Communion Assts.
Mar 4 and 18 8:30 – G Blem 10:30 – K Larson

Readers
MAR 11 8:30 - 10:30- Ron S
MAR 18 8:30 - 10:30- S Hausken
MAR 25 8:30 - R Nelson 10:30-

Acolytes
MAR Kiah Morse Hunter Evenson

MAR Ushers
8:30am - M Hanson, M Hanson, V Wertish, B Wertish
10:30 am – D Knudson, D Knudson, D Revier, P/E Revier

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

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

MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS: There are a few copies left in the Narthex. Like one? Please put your payment of \$13 in the envelope and place in Laurie Schultze's church mailbox

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

Narthex Renovation

The Narthex has warmed up nicely! The new carpet and paint certainly complement our oak cabinetry and blond brick.

NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE
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!!!!

MEALS ON WHEELS

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED Takes approximately 45 minutes

Cross of Calvary is scheduled to deliver meals through Apr. 1st. The sign-up sheet is on the BOARD. Maps for the north and south routes are on the counter in the office. Choose a route; choose your days – a week at a time, or a day here and there. THANKS!

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

Match the Carpet—fund raiser! As of this publications, we have met 85% of the Fellowship Hall Goal!!! We only need 30 square yards @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation). 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* \$ __ & *Carpet Fund* \$

Website: crossofcalvary.net

**APRIL FOLLOWER deadline is March 20
Assemble the Follower at 1pm on March 27**

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

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.

DISHES AND CAKE PANS will be donated before the Ham Dinner. Please check the cart and pick yours up.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: If you have 2011 Choice Dollars remaining, you have until March 31st to direct them. You can go online or telephone your designation. If you want to know how to receive the contact information, please call Ronda Berg at 523-5925.

90th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: Come celebrate Florence Malecek's birthday on Saturday, March 31st from 1-4pm at the Danube Community Center.

The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, directed by Robert Murphy, Andrew Peterson, and Richard Alton will present "How Can I Keep From Singing, Songs of the American Spirit" at 4:00 pm on April 1, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 220 S. 10th St., Bird Island, MN. This concert will feature a wide variety of American orchestral and choral music including Patriotic, Folk, Spiritual, Contemporary and Pop. During the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Renville County Food Shelf. The concert is cosponsored by the Thrivent Community - Redwood Area members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The Chorus and Orchestra has been performing in Renville County to benefit the food shelf for years and in the last 15 years has raised over \$25, 700. The concert is free and no tickets are required. The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra is an all-volunteer group and receives no compensation for their performance.

The concert is free and no tickets are required. Everyone is welcome!

Lent Services – each Wednesday evening. Join us for a soup and sandwich supper beginning at 5:30, with worship to follow at 7pm

Mission Note

Our Lenten journey is one of reflection through prayer and meditation. Prayer and meditation leads us to action. The Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise Appeal is collecting different school items each week in Lent to assemble school kits that give children essential items to learn and work toward better futures. **It also costs money to distribute these Baskets of Promise. Cross of Calvary's Mission Committee is appealing to each of you to offer dollar bills in support of the distribution of these and other comfort items.**

Cost to deliver each item:

<i>Quilt</i> \$2.25	<i>School Kit</i> \$1.40
<i>Personal Care Kit</i> \$2.65	<i>Fabric Kit</i> \$1.00
<i>Baby Care Kit</i> \$1.30	<i>18 lbs. Soap</i> \$11.60

Let's be the WINGS of Promise

Prayerfully consider bringing a \$1.00 to each Wed and Sat/Sun worship services during Lent. Leave your gift in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

Girl Scouts turns 100 - wear your uniform on March 11. Were you a Girl Scout? Receive a special Always a Girl Scout button.

64 down...lots more to go!!!!

Please take the time to update your contact information on the sheet provided in the pew. Simply put it in the offering plate. Or send the information electronically to Laurie at crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Narthex Renovation

Thanks for being patient with the construction. The new carpet, painted walls and trim complement our lovely oak cabinetry and the blond brickwork.

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 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abraham
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-19	Abraham acted by faith
Wednesday	Romans 3:21-28	Made right with God by faith
Thursday	Mark 10:32-44	Jesus again predicts his death
Friday	Romans 1:1-6, 16-17	Not ashamed of the gospel
Saturday	Psalms 105:1-11, 42-45	God remembered his promise
Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God. **Romans 4:25 (NCV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, help us to think about the things that matter to you, not only about the things people think are important. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for you are good – you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have with those who are in need. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- When is it easy to follow Jesus? When is it hard?
- Jesus said that if we want to be his followers, we need to forget about ourselves and put him first (Mark 8:34). What do you think this means?
- How do other people know that you are a follower of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

Set aside any mail and take note of any phone calls you receive during the day. At your evening meals or before bedtime each night, gather together and pray for those people, organizations or concerns that the mail and phone calls represent.

SERVICE:

Make pretzels to give away (see the recipe below)! Let those you give them to know that you are praying for them ... and then don't forget to do so!

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Making pretzels is a Lenten tradition. Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer, and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Use the following recipe to make pretzels (the recipe lists the amount of ingredients per person):

Have each person sprinkle ½ tsp. of yeast into 3 tbs. of warm water. Stir to dissolve. Add ½ tsp. of sugar, ½ cup of flour and 2 tbs. of grated cheese. Stir, and then knead until smooth. Cut the dough into four pieces and roll into a snake shape. Shape the four pieces like pretzels, and then brush them with a beaten egg. Sprinkle with coarse ground salt. Bake on a baking sheet at 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220 degrees Celsius) for 15 minutes.

Prayer is another traditional Lenten discipline. Here are some suggestions to foster prayer in your home during Lent:

- Teach your children the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers.
- Buy a beautifully scripted prayer and hang it on a wall in your home.
- Keep a prayer jar or put up a whiteboard for special prayer intentions and requests.
- Have everyone in your household take turns praying for one of the other household members each night for a whole week.
- Pray each day for people who are in the news.