

This Week at Cross of Calvary: Mar 11-18

Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
8:30 & 10:30am	Worship
11:30am	Baptism – <i>Haeden Robert Honzay</i>
9:30am	Sunday School / Coffee Hour
1:00pm	Golden Living Center Service
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	Craft Retreat begins at 5p
7:07am	Breakfast Club
9:00am	Quilting
Friday	Craft Retreat – all day
Saturday	Craft retreat ends 8pm
5:30 pm	Vespers
Sunday	
8:30 & 10:30am	Worship / Communion
9:30am	Sunday School / Coffee Hour
9:30am	Bridge Builders (infant to gr. K)

March

21	Council Meets 8pm
22	Dorcas Study
25	Ham Dinner
26	Ruth Study

March Communion Dates ~ 4th and 18th

Table Prayer for the Week

Gracious God, you give to us what you command. All that we have, all that we do is through your grace. Strengthen our hearts so that we can go out and live the life that you have commanded us to live. We give you thanks for the food we are about to eat. May it always serve as a reminder of your care for us. Amen.

READERS ARE NEEDED FOR MARCH

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]
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]
Julie Mitchel	[W Stucke]
Randy Akre	[J Weis]
Gina Wog	[L Schultze]
Bruce McElmury	[C Mallak]
DJ Lubenske	[C Mallak]
Megan Buysse	[S Kubesh]

Praise

- Carrie Nicholson, sister of Angie Boen, no longer needs to wear a full body brace. Praise be to God, the great healer!
- We welcome Haeden Robert Honzay into our faith family through Holy Baptism today. Haeden is the son of Travis and Maegen Honzay. Congratulations!
- Safe travel.
- The incredible variety and detail of God’s creation: cactus spines to daffodils; long-horned cattle to tiny geckos.
- The beautiful music offered at worship.

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.

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 – O Hanson	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

Soup Suppers

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

March 14	National Gathering
March 21	Band equipment
March 28	Men’s Group



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

NEXT WEEK IS STILL OPEN!!! 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

<p>Match the Carpet—fund raiser! As of this publications, we have met 91% of the Fellowship Hall Goal!!! We only need 18 square yards @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation)! When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows: <i>Regular offering \$ __ & Carpet Fund \$ __</i></p>
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Narthex Renovation

The Narthex has warmed up nicely! The new carpet and paint certainly complement our oak cabinetry and blond brick. A few touch-ups after the carpet is installed in the hallway, and we are looking good!

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.

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.

95 down...quite a few 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

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Walk to End Alzheimer's / Sunday Buffet
Bart's Place – Renville Sunday, Mar 18 11a-1p

For those who would like to stay in contact with Chet & Angie Boen during their stay at Hope Lodge, you may pick up the address in the office.

HAM DINNER

March 25th 11:15 – 1:15

Adults \$8.00

Youth (age 9 and under) \$5.00

Take-outs until 12:45

Tickets are available after church services or in the office



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, Girl Scouts!!!

On March 12, 1912, **Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low** assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, for the first Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid. Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.4 million girls and adults -- a significant growth from its modest beginnings a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alumnae.

In 2012 Girl Scouts of the USA will mark 100 years of inspiring girls and young women with the ideals of courage, confidence and character. This milestone provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the tremendous contributions the organization has made over the past century, and to also rally support for the next hundred years of Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Sunday gives girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout. Girl Scout week always includes March 12th, which is the anniversary date for the first Girl Scout meeting. For 2012, Girl Scout week starts March 12 and ends on March 18th.

Always a Girl Scout Button

If you were a Girl Scout growing up, please be sure to get your "Always a Girl Scout" button from one of the scouts in uniform at the back of the church today. Be sure to visit <http://alumnae.girlscouts.org> to learn more about the Girl Scout Alumnae Association.



Smelt fry: Friday Mar 16 from 4p-7p
United Lutheran in Lake Lillian



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you feel angry? Why?
- Jesus became angry when he saw that the temple was being used as a marketplace. Why do you think he felt that way?
- What stops you from worshipping God? What helps you?

DEVOTIONS:

Exodus 20 tells the story of how God gave us the Ten Commandments. They tell us how God wants us to live. In your home devotional time this week, focus on the Ten Commandments, two at a time. Talk about what each one means, and pray for God's help to keep them. Try to memorize them.

Monday: I am the Lord your God: You shall have no other gods. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Tuesday: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother.

Wednesday: You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery.

Thursday: You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Friday: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his manservant or his maidservant or his cattle or anything that is your neighbor's.

SERVICE:

On Easter Sunday, we give gifts to each other (often Easter eggs) as a symbol of the gift of new life God gives to us through Jesus. Choose some people beyond your household to whom to give small Easter gifts this year. Purchase or make what you need, and prepare Easter cards or gift tags.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

The temple was a sacred place for God's Old Testament people. Talk together about what are sacred places or items for your household, through which you are reminded of God's presence. Design a sacred place especially for Lent: decorate an area in your home with a cross, candles and various items, symbols or pictures associated with Lent (you may wish to use lots of purple, the church color for Lent).



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	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple
Monday	1 Kings 6:1-14, 37-38	Solomon builds the temple
Tuesday	2 Chron. 29:1-11,15-19	Hezekiah cleanses the temple
Wednesday	Mark 11:15-19	Jesus cleanses the temple
Thursday	Ezra 6:1-16	The temple rebuilt
Friday	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	You are God's temple
Saturday	Psalms 84	God's dwelling place is lovely
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

All of you surely know that you are God's temple and that his Spirit lives in you. **1 Corinthians 3:16 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts please you. You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and loving care, we thank you, God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God make you wise, so that you believe in Jesus and are saved. Amen.

What is as old as Christianity, brings joy and peace to those who practice it, and is the best kept secret in the Church today? The answer is...

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

In this age of busyness and noise, it is essential that we find the time to be still and quiet. Psalm 46 tells us to "Be still and know that I am God". In this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity, we find our God who dwells within our heart. Silence is the language of the Spirit within and Christian Meditation leads us to find a deeper experience of God. Lent calls us to that stillness and silence of prayer.

We will be forming a Christian Meditation group on Tuesday evenings during Lent. We will meet for approximately one hour in the "Cry Room" in the back of St. Mary's Church in Bird Island. Our time will begin with prayer, a short talk on Meditation by Benedictine monk John Main, 20 minutes of silent meditation focused on our sacred word, followed by closing prayer and a time for questions and discussions. Led by Spiritual Director, Sue Fleegel (365-3269). If you're interested in carpooling or have questions about what this is like, call Sarah Hausken 523-1282.

GOOD GRIEF is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7. Sessions are from 7pm to 9pm in the Willette Room of the Renville County Hospital, 611 E Fairview Ave. in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Paulette Svoboda LSW at 320-523-3451 for further information as registration is necessary. Fliers are posted on the COMMUNITY BOARD.