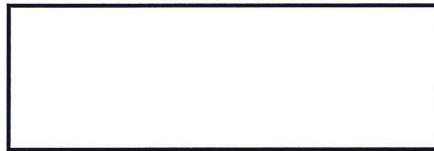


CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1103 W. CHESTNUT AVE
OLIVIA, MN 56277
(320)523-1574

DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



ISSUE DATE: July/Aug 2012

THE FOLLOWER IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

July 17-23: National Gathering trip to New Orleans

July 30-Aug 2: Vacation Bible School

Aug 4: Confirmation Retreat

Aug 6: Council Meeting



Beginning May 17

Thursday evening: 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am



Pastor's Corner
July / August 2012

Have you ever had the feeling in church that you are picking up a story in the middle? Do you find yourself wondering what in the world is going on in the story--what has come before and what follows? Do you have problems following the story at all? If you have answered "yes" to any or all of the following, you are not alone. Fortunately there is a remedy! Starting in September we will be using the Narrative Lectionary.

What in the world is a Narrative Lectionary? I am glad you asked! We currently use the Revised Common Lectionary. The common lectionary is one that has served the church well for years. It has three readings and a Psalm for each Sunday. The first comes out of the Old Testament and is meant to enhance the reading of the Gospel. The second reading comes from one of Paul's letters (generally). These don't necessarily tie into the other readings. It provides a straight through reading of the letter. The final reading is the Gospel. Each year a different Gospel is lifted up. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are given their own years. The Gospel of John is used to fill in gaps here and there throughout those three years. Despite having served the church well for centuries, the common lectionary is built on the assumption that everyone in the pew has a very, very good grasp of the Biblical story. There could be huge gaps in the story and most people were able to fill in those gaps with their knowledge. If this knowledge isn't there, the readings can be incredibly confusing and disjointed.

Enter the Narrative Lectionary. Instead of three readings, the focus will be on one reading a week. This allows us to dig in more deeply into that reading, and each reading will be told in order with the larger story surrounding it. Context will no longer be an issue. It will be much easier to see the Bible's story taking shape from week to week. The Fall Narrative will focus on the Old Testament. The Gospels are highlighted from Christmas through Easter. Easter on will focus on the book of Acts and on Paul's letters. This is the first in a four-year cycle, so that each Gospel gets an equal treatment.

I would encourage you all to read the article from Luther Seminary's magazine about the narrative lectionary, as found in this month's newsletter. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them!

God's blessings for a wonderful beginning of summer!!!!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Matt

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church – ELCA

Pastor Matt Hausken

1103 W Chestnut Ave
Olivia MN 56277
crossofcalvary.net
crossofcalvary@gmail.com
320-523-1574



Facility Hours

Mon - Wed	8:30-7:00	Need access?
Thursday	8:30 – 8:00	Craig 522-0266
Fri - Sun	8:30 – 2:00	Laurie 522-1199

Worship Services

School Year: September 11– May13

- Sunday Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
- Sunday School and Coffee Hour 9:30am
- Saturday Vespers 5:30 pm

Summer: Begins May 17

- Sunday Worship 9:00am
- Coffee Hour 10:00am
- Thursday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Radio Broadcast of Service: Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Communion

JULY	Sun 1	Th 12	Sun 15		
AUG	Th 2	Sun 5	Th 16	Sun 19	Th 30
SEPT	Sun 2				

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Matt Hausken,

hauskenmatt8@gmail.com, Pastor's Study: 523-5857,
Parsonage: 523-1282, Cell: 320-579-0839

Minister of Faith Formation: Chelsey Plumley,
320-523-1574 cofcyouth@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Laurie Schultze
320-523-1574 crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Music: Kathy Reese

Sextons: Chet & Angie Boen, Craig Boen

Sunday School Superintendent: Jill Hanson

Council: Todd Gay, *President*

Dave Altmann	Gordy Blem	Brian Boen
Jennifer Grund	Cindy Johnson	Sandra Whited
Keith Larson	Greg Mertens	Marie Rauenhorst
Nanette Serbus	David Torgelson	

Treasurer: Curt Sather

JULY/AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER VOLUNTEER LIST IS ON THE BOARD

JULY JULY Altar Guild— J Hanson, D Gluesing

AUG Altar Guild— S Larson, A Dietrich

Communion JULY & AUGUST - M Rauenhorst

Ushers

JULY – M Thiesse, C Erickson, C Schroer, R Marguth,
W Stucke

AUG – J Jandl, C Jandl, N Cole, K Elfering

Readers

JUNE 17	C Jandl	JUNE 24	J Balgaard
JULY 1		JULY 8	R Skrukrud
JULY 15		JULY 22	
JULY 29		AUG 5	
AUG 12		AUG 19	
AUG 26		SEPT 2	

Tech Team

JUNE 17	C Lund	JUNE 24	S Erickson
JULY 1	N Wertish	JULY 8	C Lund
JULY 15	S Erickson	JULY 22	
JULY 29		AUG 5	C Lund
AUG 12	S Erickson	AUG 19	N Wertish
AUG 26		SEPT 2	

Acolytes

Coffee Host

JUNE 17		JUNE 24	NOG
JULY 1		JULY 8	
JULY 15		JULY 22	
JULY 29		AUG 5	
AUG 12		AUG 19	
AUG 26		SEPT 2	

Altar Flowers (remember Thursday worship)

JUNE 17	W Maurice	JUNE 24	L Meyer
JULY 1		JULY 8	
JULY 15		JULY 22	
JULY 29		AUG 5	
AUG 12		AUG 19	
AUG 26		SEPT 2	

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are usually held on the *3rd Wed. of each month, beginning at 7:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall. This includes the following committees: *Parish Life, Missions, Parish Ed., Property, Technology, Worship & Music, Youth Ministry, Evangelism*

- **Committee Meetings**—September 19
- **Council Meeting**—August 6 @ 7pm (Monday)

PRAYERS

HEALING & STRENGTH

Jeff Holmer	[K. Erickson]
Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]
Nikki Gleasner	[M Hanson]
Chet Boen	[Boen family]
Christie Engelmann	[S Grasmon]
Gina Wog	[L Schultze]
Al Engstrom	[S Erickson]
Justin Lothert	[2011 Graduates]
Madison Travers	[K Barta]
Lucas Grove	[N Serbus]
Rich Elbert	[E Lilja]
Chuck & Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]
Florence Malecek	[S Malecek]

MILITARY – (listed until notified of their return)

Carolyn Wertish-Heiser

PRAISE

- The lawn is looking beautiful! Thank you to those who tend the church property.
- Renovations continue throughout the summer. Thank you to those who have spent the past YEAR working on the various projects. Your talents and time are a blessing!

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer Page at crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed (max of one month).
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please re-submit the name to the office.

CHURCH NEWS

The office will be CLOSED July 2-5

Emergency calls will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member's mobile phone. Please dial 320-523-1574 and follow the instructions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Thursday July 30-Aug 2

The registration form is in the bulletin. Please fill it out and submit it with your payment to the office.

VOLUNTEERS = VBS SUCCESS

How can YOU help this year???



NO Thursday Evening Worship on Aug 2 --- VBS

SEPTEMBER FOLLOWER deadline is Aug 13

Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Aug 21

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday by noon.

Balcony Carpet Fund Raiser?? 96 square yards @ \$37.50 per square yard (this includes materials and installation). We are on our way, having about 70% collected. When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows: *Regular offering \$ ___ & Balcony Fund \$ ___*

NOTE: The COMMUNITY BOARD is available for all event notices. Please do not post notices to walls, wood or windows. Thank you.

May/June Food Shelf Donations – 128 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

NEED TO BORROW SOMETHING??? With summer events, items are occasionally borrowed from the church – chairs, tables, kitchen/serving items. Please check out items with Laurie, as there are items which may and may not be out on loan.

Reservations: Thank you for taking the time to make your reservations when needing to use the church facility. We are blessed to be a very busy church, and having events on the calendar helps us keep up! 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

Church Events: Please post events on the bulletin boards and not on walls, wood or windows. Thank you. A new bulletin board has been installed in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen door.

When using the Fellowship Hall: Please refrain from serving beverages with red and blue dyes – Kool-Aids, sodas, Powerades, etc. Lemonade is preferred. When serving punch, please ask for our “house” recipe.

NEW CARPET cleaning supplies & directions can be found in the kitchen!

MISSING DISHES or SERVICEWARE???

Please check the cart in the education wing hallway. Items left after July 8th will be donated to ACTS.

A Shower for Safe Avenues by Cross of Calvary Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will again take place this fall. As you are out and about, please keep the following needs in mind— school supplies, backpacks, diapers, new underwear and socks for women and children, pajamas and toiletries. Watch for event details to come out in the fall.

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.

Welcome:

Kaydence Meints, daughter of Kenneth and Lisa Meints. Baptized on April 22.

Gracie Johnson, daughter of Ryan and Natasha Johnson. Baptized on June 24.

Congratulations:

Christopher and Brittany Johnson. Married on June 16.

Bowe and Alice Linde. Married on June 23.

New Members:

Maegen Honzay, Caryn Jandl, Clint Olson, Craig Lothert, Kenneth Meints, Lisa Meints, Missy Honzay, Brittany Johnson

Attendance:

April 15—183	April 22—229
April 29—232	May 6—184
May 13—178	May 20—225
May 27—155	June 17—210
June 10—101	June 17—129

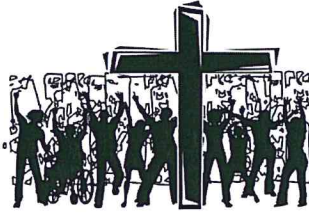
MEALS ON WHEELS—July

Cross of Calvary is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels for the month of July. Volunteers may choose individual days or deliver for an entire week—whatever best fits your schedule. The sign up sheet is on the BOARD, or call Laurie in the office.



NEW ORLEANS BOUND:

Our adventure to New Orleans begins July 17th. The time spent in the city will be short, but the experiences and passion we take in will continue through our lives; as we learn to become citizens with the Saints. Read on to find out exactly what this means...



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

Mission: the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering is a unique community. The mission is to grow our young people in their faith journey to understand their vocation as children of Christ and to articulate their faith in Jesus Christ.

We will reach out and discover more deeply our baptismal identity and the promises made to us in the waters of our baptism.

Jesus makes us one new humanity through baptism and this is who we are.

We will practice Discipleship - Demonstrating the capacity to articulate our unique witness. *Jesus makes all people free and calls us to be disciples.*

We will practice Peacemaking - acting in a way that reflects God's value for everybody.

Jesus makes peace and calls us to see each other as God sees us.

We will practice Discipleship - Demonstrating the capacity to articulate our unique witness. *Jesus makes all people free and calls us to be disciples.*

We will practice Peacemaking - acting in a way that reflects God's value for everybody.

Jesus makes peace and calls us to see each other as God sees us.

We will practice Justice - Living BOLDLY in the face of injustice, crisis and suffering

Jesus makes creation right with God and calls us to live boldly in the face of injustice.

We will be Citizens with the Saints

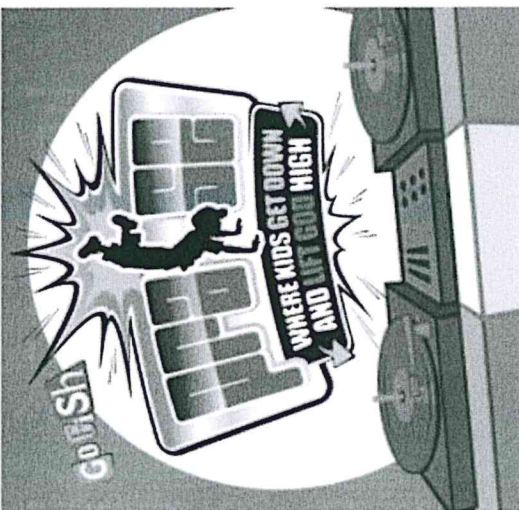
Jesus gathers us as citizens with the saints to learn to love like Jesus through practicing discipleship that works for peace through justice.

We thank each of you. This last year was quite the journey with fundraising, praying, fundraising, planning, fundraising, praying and more fundraising! This trip wouldn't be possible without each of your generous gifts, whether it be prayer, donated food, donated money or your time. We are forever grateful for the help we received to make this happen. Please keep us all in your prayers as we finish preparing, as we travel, and as we discover what it truly means to become a citizen among saints.

Ephesians 2:14-21 (paraphrased)

"Jesus is our peace. In his life and death on the cross, Jesus broke down the dividing walls so that we are no longer strangers and outsiders, but we are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. The foundation of God's house was built of apostles and prophets, and Jesus, the cornerstone, holds it all together."

CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS



JULY 30TH - AUGUST 2ND FROM 6:00-8:00PM
AT CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN OLIVIA
FOR AGES 4 YEARS OLD TO 6TH GRADE

\$6.00 PER PARTICIPANT WITH AN \$18.00 FAMILY CAP
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CROSS OF CALVARY

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE LAST YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PARENTS: _____

ALLERGIES? _____

TRANSPORTATION HOME: PICKED UP BY _____

WALK HOME OR RIDE BIKE HOME (CIRCLE ONE)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER BETWEEN 6-8 PM: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO CROSS OF CALVARY BY JULY 22ND, 2012. THANKS!

Sequence of events

Narrative Lectionary connects God's story with ours

By Christy Hallenbeck, M.Div. Middler



Photo: Elise Wried

The Narrative Lectionary is a collaboration led by Luther Seminary faculty members Craig Koester, left, and Rolf Jacobson.

When addressing the Northeast Minnesota Synod at its 2010 Assembly, Rolf Jacobson, associate professor of Old Testament, spoke to the importance of scriptural transformation in the life of today's congregations.

He told participants about Genesis to Revelation, the legendary Luther Seminary course taught by his colleague Craig Koester, professor of New Testament. Year after year, the course's sequential sweep through the Bible has proven challenging and invigorating for students and the congregations they serve.

"Why don't congregations try this? Preach through the biblical story in

nine months, starting in September and ending in May."

Jacobson posed this seemingly rhetorical question to his Assembly audience. Much to his surprise, at the end of the event, Dan Smith, '08, associate pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing, Minn., approached him, saying, "Nine of us have agreed to try it. What's next?"

"I didn't realize I was volunteering to be part of this experiment," Jacobson said of that moment, which led to the development of the Narrative Lectionary, a collaboration with Koester. "Craig and I didn't even know we had this idea until Dan Smith said, 'What's

next?' I think that's how the Holy Spirit works."

To answer "What's next," Koester and Jacobson laid out a four-year cycle for congregations to sequentially read and study the biblical narrative. Beginning each fall, the Narrative Lectionary preaches through the Old Testament, then after Christmas focuses on one of the Gospels to preach the story of Jesus, and finally preaches the story of the early church after Easter.

The goal of this sequence, while adaptable to each congregation, is to connect congregations with the whole story of the Bible.

"It's all one big story with multiple voices and intriguing perspectives," Koester said of Scripture as seen in a cohesive, narrative flow. "That can be a very powerful way of seeing things."

Sue Leibnitz, Master of Divinity middler, has witnessed the transformative power of the Narrative Lectionary at River of Joy Lutheran Church in Prior Lake, Minn.

"So much of our community life is anchored in story," she said of the River of Joy congregation. "It makes sense for us to anchor ourselves in Scripture in the same way."

That anchoring, Leibnitz said, has allowed community members to make connections between the biblical story and the story of their individual and communal lives.

"Everything we do is implicitly tied to our story, God's story and how they meet," she said.

In embracing the unique stories that make up congregations, Jacobson and Koester intend the Narrative Lectionary's usage to reflect its congregational and community context.

"We weren't expecting it to be the same everywhere," Koester said, "and it hasn't been."

To equip congregations with resources for preaching Narrative Lectionary texts, and in particular for sharing ideas with each other, Jacobson and Koester post on WorkingPreacher.org, a website of Luther Seminary's Center for Biblical Preaching.

Through Working Preacher, they collaborate each week with Kathryn Schifferdecker, associate professor of Old Testament, to share podcasts and biblical commentaries.

"I was hooked as soon as I heard the idea behind the Narrative Lectionary from Dr. Rolf Jacobson, and I knew others would be too. ... We started using it because we wanted people to engage with the larger story of Scripture, rather than only select individual stories. ... When we approach Scripture the way it is written, we discover things we never would have otherwise. It has really been a great experience that I'd recommend to anyone."

— Dan Smith, '08, and associate pastor,
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hibbing, Minn.



This open format and resource sharing allows the sequence to be used as intended, according to Jacobson.

"It's designed for flexible use," he said. "The idea here is to have a sustained story as the context for preaching the Word."

Such innovation and collaboration have led to congregational excitement about the Bible, Koester said.

"It's so rewarding to watch creativity at the local level," he said. "There are new dimensions of what discipleship looks like." ■

To learn more about the Narrative Lectionary, visit www.workingpreacher.org/narrativelectionary.