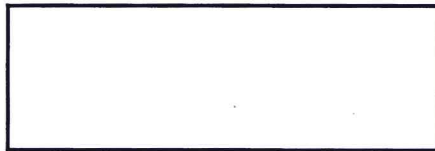


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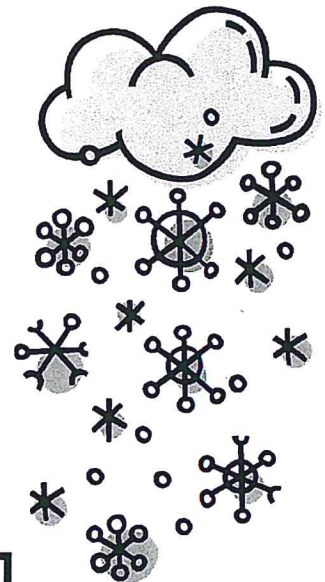
THE FOLLOWER

Jan 2: WOW, WeeWOW and Kid's Choirs begin

Jan 13: Baptismal Reunion

Jan 20: Annual Meeting and Sledding

Jan 27: New Member Sunday



Worship
Times

Saturday Worship: 5:30 pm

Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:30am



Pastor's Corner January

God's grace and peace to all of you as we begin a new year. Each year we seem to add resolutions that we all too quickly seem to break. I would like to propose one that I think will not only be kept, but one that can truly transform and change us as a people of God. This resolution will not start immediately on January 1st, but we will begin to prepare for its start on February 13th.

Why February 13th of 2013? Because that date is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent from its very beginning was meant to be a journey. This journey was supposed to deepen the faith of those new and old to the faith. The early church entered into a time of deep reflection, questioning, and teaching. This was meant to deepen the life of discipleship of all believers. This has not been the case as of late. It has simply become, in many cases, the dreary lead up to our joyous Easter celebrations. Done correctly, it does not have to be dreary at all, and it will expand the joyousness of the Easter message--knowing that it is one that echoes throughout our journey of discipleship.

So, if you are interested in growing as disciples of Christ during the season of Lent, beginning on February 13th, we have something for you. One of the best ways to learn is to ask and reflect on questions (answering is sometimes involved--but NOT always). Who could formulate better questions than Jesus? So in the 40 days we have of Lent, we will spend it reflecting on six questions that Jesus asks of us in order to deepen our life of faith. Eric Burtness, a pastor in Oregon, has written a book called "Beyond Question." This book will serve as our guide for reflection. Then each Wednesday we will gather as a community to worship and study and discuss these questions in a way that will hopefully be a major step in your walk of faith. You may purchase this book for \$8.00 through the church. We have a sign up-sheet located on the BOARD in our Narthex/entry way. Or, you may call or email the church at 320-523-1574 or email the church crossofcalvary@gmail.com.

Blessings for a wonderful month of January and a grace filled beginning to 2013!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

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Worship

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

Office Hours

Mon - Tues	8:30 - 4:30	Wednesday	8:30 - 7:00
Thursday	8:30 - 4:30	Friday	8:30 - 2:00

Facility Hours

Mon - Thurs	8:30 - 7:00	Need access?
Fri—Sun	8:30 - 2:00	Craig 522-0266 Laurie 522-1199

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

Feb FOLLOWER deadline is Jan . 21
Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Jan. 29
Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.

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Jennifer Grund	Cindy Johnson	Sandra Whited
Keith Larson	Greg Mertens	Marie Rauenhorst
Nanette Serbus	David Torgelson	

Treasurer: Curt Sather

VOLUNTEERS

The VOLUNTEER LIST IS ON THE BOARD

Altar Guild

JAN R Berg, T Stovern

Acolytes

JAN C Weber, C Weber

Communion

JAN 8:30 TBD 10:30 TBD

Ushers

JAN 8:30 – G Mertens, C Mertens, D Mertens, B Kopel
10:30 – T Jansen, E Jansen, H Evenson, J Evenson

Coffee Host

06	13 Youth
20 NO Coffee/Annual Meeting	27 Youth Board

Altar Flowers and Readers - The sign up sheet is on the BOARD

Committee Meetings

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

- Committee Meetings—January 16
- Council Meeting—January 16

PRAYERS of HEALING & STRENGTH

*Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]
*Jim Stadtherr	[J Stadtherr]
*Joann Hawkinson	[Family]
*Marie Peterson	[M Hausken]
*Donna Boese	[K van der Hagen]
*Sonja Fostvedt	[B Fostvedt]
*Gary Jansen	[M Maurice]
*Lilly Schell	[J Kopacek]

PRAISE

*for the gift of the Christ Child
*from the staff... We would like to thank the congregation for their support and for the many ways in which we were blessed by you throughout the year.

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 resubmit the name to the office.

CHURCH NEWS

Food Shelf Donations – 168 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

The men's Bible study at Parkview is suspended for the winter. See you in the spring!

Adult Choir. Join anytime!!! Meet in the balcony on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

The Bazaar Committee would like to give everyone a big THANK YOU for donating Christmas Attic items, baked goods and progressive auction items. To all those who volunteered to work or attended the luncheon, this event was a huge success because of you! At this time over \$3,000 will be donated to church projects. May God bless each and every one of you!

MARRIED COUPLES - GIVE A GIFT FROM YOUR Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend and focus on just the two of you. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information while exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 8:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. The Spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 15-17 (think Valentines!) in Brooklyn Center, March 15-17 in Alexandria and April 5-7 in Duluth Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Larry and Coke Guilfoile at 651-257-6960, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Note to all Sunday volunteers: As a courtesy to all those who volunteer alongside you, please try to find a fill-in whenever you are unable to be at church to serve as an usher, reader, acolyte or to serve communion.

In case of emergency: Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. Simply call the church office at 523-1574. The answering system picks up after two rings and will direct you to the extension number for the staff member needed. His/her emergency number can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. They gladly make themselves available to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

When making purchases for the church receipts must be submitted to the office. Please include your name and list reason/event.

Weather and Worship. Cross of Calvary does not cancel worship in case of inclement weather since Pastor lives next door. However, PLEASE make wise choices about being on the road when the weather is bad. May the Lord watch over your travels.

Help Wanted: Looking for a few people who may be interested in learning more about running the screen. An information/training session will take place after the holidays. Please call Laurie for more information.

Thinking ahead toward the Lenten Journey. Pastor is encouraging members to take advantage of the early discount on

the book he will be using during Lent this year. *The Book of Faith Lenien Journey: Beyond Questions* is a transformative journey through Lent taking you throughout the Gospels, where Jesus uses questions to change the lives and deepen the discipleship of those who follow him. In this book of Lenten devotions, you are invited to open Scripture and encounter Jesus and his transformative questions. Reserve yours on the BOARD. Cost is \$8.00. Deadline to order is Jan 31.

A Special Thank You to all who assisted the Sunday School kids with the Christmas Message! And to those who shared special music during Advent and Christmas.

Nov / Dec Attendance

Nov 18	184	
Nov 21	53	Thanksgiving Eve
Nov 25	187	
Nov 28	33	Advent 1
Dec 2	221	
Dec 5	26	Advent 2
Dec 9	103	Blizzard
Dec 12	26	Advent 3
Dec 16	311	Christmas Program

WOW & WeeWow present SOUPER BOWL of caring



Our 3-6th graders have been working very hard on a video to raise awareness about hunger and its effects on kids.

On January 20th we will be presenting our video to you, the congregation.

February 3rd Super Bowl Sunday, - the after-school groups will be collecting donations of food and money. All proceeds will go to Renville County Food shelf.



PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Just in time for the Super Bowl!

2nd-12th grades are selling pizzas from January 6th - January 20th

2nd-12th grades are raising money for their youth accounts. This helps deflect registration and transportation costs of youth events/camp.

Contact Chelsey for more info.

Pick up is Jan 26th from 4:30-6 pm in NURSERY

URBAN IMMERSION - Service Retreat

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will be rewarded for his deeds" Proverbs 19:17

We will be helping those in need in the metro area.

Date: March 15 - 17th Weekend Retreat

Ages 13 - 9th grade

Worth 5 elements

Deposit of \$40 is due January 15th!

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

A new year is up, and we are ready to kick start 2013. I want to begin the year by saying how thankful I am to be a part of such a giving and inclusive congregation. I am so very blessed to be working alongside you, and being a part of your children's lives. Each one of them brings something new and wonderful to my life. Blessings in the new year to you and your families! Chelsey Plumley—Minister of Faith Formation

Wow, WeeWow - Junior & Cherub Choirs

Starting on WED, JAN 2, after school until 4:30

Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6

**Take bus #1 to the church.



ADULTS— WE NEED YOU!

SIGN UP ON THE BOARD to help or provide snack.

Sr. High Gathering!

Gr. 9-12

March 8 & 9th

New Marriott in Mankato

Speaker/Band: Rachel Kurtz

(From National Gathering,

who wrote the song: I want

my life to make a difference)

Cost: (no more than) \$85

Get your \$40 deposit due to

Chelsey by Jan 30th!

SLEDDING!!

Snow is here, and there is

more to come!

Let's do what good old

Minnesotan families do

and play in it!

ALL AGES FAMILY sledding

When? January 20th

leave around noon, back by 5

Where? Ft. Ridgely state park

COST? Free will donation to help

cover the cost of the chalet

rental

Who? Everyone!

Don't want to sled? Stay in the

warm chalet and play games,

drink hot chocolate and watch!

WHAT else? Look for more

information on the youth board

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan 13 - D. Revier, C. Weis, S Evenson, W. Enestved

Jan 20 - NO Coffee... Annual Meeting

Jan 27 - Youth Board members

Feb 3 - M. Iverson, D. Stovern, P Mogard, T. Rock

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

JANUARY

2 - Wow and Choirs begin after school

6 - Papa Murphy's pizza sales begin

13 - Bridge Builders 9:30 AM birth - Kind.

Junior and Cherub choirs perform at

both services

16 - NO CONFIRMATION CLASS


20 - SLEDDING! At Ft. Ridgely: Noon - 4

- Pizza Sales End

26th - Pizza Pick up in Nursery 4:30-6 pm

Happy Birthday

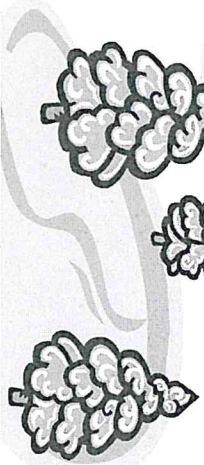
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01/01	Stryker, Daylea	01/09	Honzay, Haeden	01/22	Barta, Dennis
01/01	Bahl, Kaden[V]	01/11	Lindquist, Wally	01/23	Sagedahl, Taylor
01/02	Ledeboer, Allen	01/11	Balderston, Breanna	01/24	Mages, Nancy
01/02	Kircher, Alan	01/11	Altmann, Jessica	01/24	Slaughter, Julie
01/02	Weber, Connor	01/12	Wallert, Stephanie	01/25	Zimmer, Kathie
01/03	Revier, Tom	01/13	Fahse, Bethel	01/25	Klinghagen, Brian
01/04	Malvin, Shane	01/14	Enstad, Christel	01/25	Mogard, Brandon
01/04	Lilja, McKenna	01/16	Johnson, Faye	01/26	Honzay, Bob
01/04	Robideau, Landon	01/16	Balderston, Sandy	01/27	Senger, Duane
01/05	Holland, Matt	01/17	Mages, Becky	01/27	Larson, Cameron
01/06	Jensen, Michelle	01/17	Thiesse, Rebecca	01/28	Cluka, Jazlynn
01/07	Mallak, Sara	01/17	Morse, John	01/29	Livingood, Elaine
01/07	Erickson, Krista	01/18	Knudson, Doug	01/31	Gay, Sandy
01/08	Lindquist, Myra	01/19	Mallak, Cheryl	01/31	Kopel, Tim
01/08	Nelson, Becky	01/19	Dobmeier, Jason	01/31	Honzay, Travis
01/08	Gay, Alex	01/19	Triplett, Logan		
01/08	Skeie, Elsa	01/20	Mages, Ella Jo		
		01/21	Steffel, Abby		

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Office Closed – Holiday	WOW and WeeWOW + Choirs 3:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:00pm	Breakfast Club 7:07am Quilters 9:00	Annual Reports and Financials are due	Worship 5:30pm

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Pizza sales begin Sunday School 9:30	Library reserved 2-4pm Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm Scouts 5:30-6:30pm Scouts 6:30 – 7:30	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	WOW and WeeWOW + Choirs 3:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:00pm Altar Guild 7pm Committee Mtgs 7pm Council Mtg 8pm	Breakfast Club 7:07am Quilters 9:00		Worship 5:30pm

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sledding at noon Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Annual Meeting 9:30am Pizza sales end	Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm FOLLOWER deadline	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	WOW and WeeWOW + Choirs 3:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:00pm	Dorcas Unit 9:30am Breakfast Club 7:07am Quilters 9:00		Worship 5:30pm

27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 New Member Sun Sunday School 9:30	Ruth Unit 1:30 Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble FOLLOWER 1pm	WOW and WeeWOW + Choirs 3:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:00pm	Breakfast Club 7:07am Quilters 9:00		