

Pastor's Corner - April 2013

CHRIST HAS RISEN!!!!!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!!!!!

May those words echo in your mind all year long. We are celebrating the holiest of all weeks. We remembered the week in which Christ died and rose again, so we may never again have to worry about being separated from him. We will experience the doubt and despair of Good Friday, but we will also experience the joy of new life that Easter brings. This pattern of Holy Week is not just to be lived out once a year, but every single day. May we continually encounter Christ in our life in new a surprising ways.

This past Lent we focused in on the questions that Jesus asked his disciples. These question led them to experience fully his death and resurrection. May we know that he not only asked these questions of his disciples, but he asks them of us as well--What are you looking for? Where is your faith? Who do you say that I am? What do you want me to do for you? Do you love me? How will you believe what I say? Whom are you looking for? We looked at these key questions along with many others. What is truly wonderful about these questions is that they open us up to a deeper faith. They are not questions that seek to find blame or what went wrong, but they are questions that cause us to search ourselves to see what sort of a future Christ is opening for us as individuals and as a community.

So, in the upcoming months we will practice using this type of questioning in worship, in Bible studies, in devotions, and in a few other surprising places! The more we get used to asking and answering these questions, the more we start to experience the power of our Savior.

Blessings to you on our way forward in the power of our crucified and risen Savior!

God's peace!

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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
 Need access?

 Mon - Thurs
 8:30 - 7:00
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 Fri—Sun
 8:30 - 2:00
 Laurie 522-1199

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

May FOLLOWER deadline is Apr 17 Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Apr 23 Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon. **Pastor:** Rev. Matt Hausken,

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Council: Brian Boen, President

Dave Altmann Gordy Blem Natashia Johnson Cindy Johnson Keith Larson Eric Skeie

Todd Gay Sandra Whited Marie Rauenhorst

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Michelle Jensen David Torgelson

Treasurer: Curt Sather

VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes K Morse, W Trongard

Communion 8:30 S Whited 10:30 D Altmann

Tech Team

10:30 K van der Hagen Apr 7 8:30 N Cole

10:30 C Lund Apr 14 8:30 B Nelson

Apr 21 8:30 N Cole 10:30

Apr 28 8:30 10:30 F Ridler

Ushers

8:30 - D Aumer, K Aumer, L Fahse, R Fahse 10:30 - P Amberg, K Meints

Altar Guild V Wertish, M Hanson, K Brown

Coffee 7 28 14 Youth 21 Youth Altar Flowers - sign-up on the board 7 _____, 14 M Hanson, 21 J Limoges,

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—Apr 17 @ 7pm
- Council Meeting—Apr 17 @ 8pm

COMMUNION April 7, 21

PRAYERS of HEALING & STRENGTH

*Diana Adkins [B Hennen] [L Schultze] *Marge Cooper *David Louis [C Boen] [E McDowell] *Drake McDowell *Larry Amberg [T Amberg] *Lucas Ulmen [M Bently] [L Schultze] *Pete Dunlavey *Werner Weinrich [C Boen] [M Hausken] *Bjorn Hausken

PRAISE *for a blessed spring!

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.

Large Print Bulletins can be found in the display rack each Sunday. Help yourself or ask an usher for one.

Conserve: Please take as many bulletins for worship as needed for those with whom you worship...but take just one home. Leave the extras in the basket for the next service.

Food Shelf Donations – 9 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. Thank you, donors!

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.

Attendance

Feb 20	87 -	Lent	Feb 24	21
Feb 27	93 -	Lent	Mar 3	248
Mar 6	89 -	Lent	Mar 10	230
Mar 12	64 -	Lent on Tuesday	Mar 17	248
Mar 20	94 -	Lent	Mar 24	280 Palm Sunday

Sunday Volunteers Reminders are sent each week to all Sunday volunteers – ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, tech and staff. Everything you need to know about the order of service, any changes or additions and who is working alongside you is included. PLEASE open and check the email.

Technology Update Temple Talk – March 10, 2013

You will notice over the next couple weeks that wiring and sound to accommodate a screen and projector in the Fellowship Hall (FH) is being installed. This is a project the technology committee has had on its wish list for quite some time. And now, due to the generosity of the Donna Johnson family, it is going to become a reality.

A screen and sound system in the FH will be used for a variety of purposes: the youth, Sunday school and VBS, presentations for our church groups and for those who rent the space for seminars. Currently, we have the capability to live-feed from the sanctuary to the FH. This has been done in the past for funerals. Upgrading from the small FH television to a large screen will better serve the need.

Not surprisingly, in planning for this FH upgrade, the tech committee has discovered that now would be the best time to do an upgrade in the Sanctuary as well. So, rather than purchasing a second screen and projector to put in

^{*}Ashley Dahl-Malaysia Missionary

^{*}Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

the FH, the council has approved that the screen and projector from the Sanctuary be moved to the FH. In replacement, an LED panel will be installed. This is basically a large flat screen TV, the same width as the current screen.

Why an LED? And LED screen will provide significantly sharper colors and images. For instance, Pastor's video sermons will not be grainy. In addition the text will be sharper. It is also important to note that since the installation of the new Sanctuary lighting, the illumination of the screen has decreased. Backgrounds have been changed to black to compensate for the loss of clarity.

Where will the LED be placed? The LED cannot hang from below organ pipes, as access to the panels under the pipes is needed for maintaining the organ. The LED panel will be cantilevered from the wall above the sacristy door, and extend in the direction of the current screen. The panel will swing to the wall when not in use.

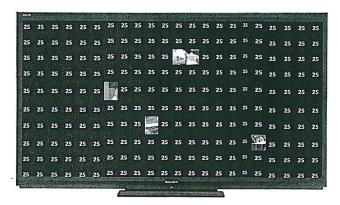
The council has approved this plan with the stipulation that additional funding beyond the Donna Johnson memorial be raised prior to purchasing additional equipment. The screen and projector from the Sanctuary will not be moved to the FH until the LED panel is functional.

The cost to upgrade to an LED panel, including the mount and the installation will run approximately \$5500.

There is no question of the generosity of this congregation. Your support of the technology team and our efforts to keep us moving forward has been wonderful. It did not take us long to fund the balcony carpet project, so the

tech team and the council are encouraged that raising the funds for this project will be as successful. If you have any questions, please ask Laurie.

Watch the SCREEN and uncover the hidden pictures with your donations of \$25 or more!! Please designate your gift to the LED Project, so we can record it in addition to your regular offering.



FLOWER SALES begin March 30th!

Order your flowers until April 19th: The Youth are ready to take your orders for hanging baskets \$20.00; 8" potted geraniums \$15.00; 12" potted geraniums \$25.00. Your order will be available for you to pick up on Friday, May 10th from 4:30 – 7:30 pm and on Saturday May 11 from 8:00 – 10 a.m. A Lasagna dinner will also be served Friday, May 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Watch for more info to come! Proceeds are used for church youth events, service, camps and trips.

Youth information - Order forms have been emailed, or you can pick them up on the Youth Board in the Narthex. Sales end April 19th. All order forms and money must be turned in to Sue Erickson, Cheryl Mallak or Sandy Padrnos by April 19th. They may also be turned into the church as long as you hand them directly to Chelsey.

Happy Birthday



04/10 Iverson, Sarah

04/10	Stovern, Brady
04/10	Helmer, Lane
04/11	Alton, Richard
04/14	Erickson, Katie
04/15	Johnson, Mitchell
04/16	Slagter, Kathy
04/16	Flemming, Christine
04/17	Vogt, Edith
04/18	Beckler, Ronald
04/18	Mittelstadt, Annie
04/19	Johnson, Benjamin
04/21	Prokosch, Keely Jo
04/22	Vogt, Paul
04/22	Hanson, William
04/22	Tuthill, Drew
04/23	Abraham, Deloris
04/23	Wertish, Joshua
04/24	Senkyr, Carol

	The The Wall
04/24	Wertish, Barb
04/24	Boen, Noah
04/25	Lingl, Timothy
04/25	Lingl, Tayler
04/25	Revier, Moira
04/26	Erickson, Howard
04/27	Garcia, Elisha[V]
04/27	Weber, Camille
04/27	Larson, Eva
04/27	Visser, Cole
04/28	Wurm, Vonie
04/28	Wertish, Naomi
04/29	Van Der Hagen, Karen
04/29	Johnson, Scott
04/29	Handt Jr., James
04/29	Helmer, Alen
04/29	Wussow, Eric
04/30	Revier, Gene
04/30	Jandl, James

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

Members present: Dave Altmann, Gordy Blem, Cindy Johnson, Sandy Whited, Natashia Johnson, Todd Gay, David

Torgelson, Brian Boen, Keith Larson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen, Marie Rauenhorst

Staff members present: Matt Hausken, Laurie Schultze

Guests Attended:

Devotions were led by Marie.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric, seconded by Cindy, motion carried.

Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report - Gordy

A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Gordy, seconded by Todd, motion carried.

Pastor's Report-

Lent is going very fast, and Holy Week is taking shape.

Daily Lent devotions are going well, and Pastor is enjoying them.

Pastor will be gone for Bjorn's surgery in April.

Premarital classes have begun for upcoming weddings.

Brian shared that there seems to be a positive energy around the church.

Minister of Faith Formation's Report-

Chelsey will email her report to the council members.

Youth Ministry- Natashia

Worship & Music- Cindy

Cindy noted that the Lenten Devotionals are nice to have online. Laurie stated that the hits on the website have spiked significantly.

Parish Life- Eric

Property- Dave A, Keith, Michelle

Stewardship/Finance - Gordy - see financial report

World Missions - Marie

Parish Education- Sandy

Technology- Todd

The technology Temple Talk will be published in the Follower and the next few bulletins.

Evangelism - David

Additional Business-

Todd confirmed that our insurance policy is up to date, and Laurie reported that the insurance audit was completed. Dave A. will call the roofer to get us on his schedule early this spring.

April Communion

8:30 Sandy

10:30 Dave A

April Devotions

Eric

Next Council meeting Apr 17 at 8pm

Committees at 7pm

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Schultze, Recorder

Youth and Family Ministry

Spring has sprung at Cross of Calvary!

We are excited for growth and renewal and we are energized to get out to enjoy God's creation! As the grass turns back to green and buds begin sprouting, remember how wonderful and beautiful change can be. Each month brings its own unique blend of activities and opportunities to build faith. Where are your interests? Can any of your gifts be used or lifted up? Join us for any and all!

- Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

APRIL - 10-11th – Youth Day on the Hill, gr 10-12 14th – Bridge Builders 9:30, birth – Kind

Choirs Sing both services 9

21st – FUEL at CCOC 6:30 food 7:00worship

24th – ALL Wednesday programs END

28th – City Harmonic concert 6 PM Dassel/Cokato HS

MAY - 5th – Rachel Kurtz/Agape concert 6 PM Buffalo Lake

12th – Last day of Sunday School

16th – Final Breakfast Club

19th – Sr. Recognition

CLOCK @ 6:10

We are asking families with children in grades 2-12 to help serve to raise money for their accounts

COFFEE SCHEDULE

April 14- M. Morse, T. Jansen, R Sigurdson, G. Mertens Aprill 21 - K. Larson, D Bratsch, E Lilja, S. Padronos

Programs ending:

Sunday School: N

WoW & WeeWoW:

Confirmation:

April 24th

APRIL 24th

STINGERS BASEBALL GAME

Included in cost of \$18:

*1 Ticket

July 8th 7 PM

- *All you can eat picnic and fun!
- **Bring the whole family, invite your friends!

We must have at least **25** participants to get the best deal. **Are you in?** Chelsey will have a sign up sheet on the Youth Board. Please sign your families name and how many you expect to attend by **April 24**th.

Think Spring!

Cross of Calvary's annual Spring Fling

May 10-11th

Along with flower pick up this year, there will be a youth led <u>supper</u> from 5-7 and



Kash for kids silent auction.

Spring Fling Flower Sales

-begin March 30th & end April 21st.

Packets will be e-mailed or can be picked up on Youth Board.

For more information about flowers contact:

Sue Erickson (523-5010),

Cheryl Mallak (523-5029)

Sandy Padrnos - (522-0475)

For information about the supper and auction, contact Chelsey

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE?

Babysitting, housework, yardwork, companionship, painting, baking, playing sports, animal chores.

Kash for Kids is a fun way for you to not only raise money for you youth accounts, but to serve others as well!

Let Chelsey know and we will auction off your services at our Spring Fling May 10-11 silent auction.

Please have all submissions into Chelsey by May 1st.

Ka\$h For Kids

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1 Library reserved 2-4pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	3 WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30	4 Breakfast Club 7:07am	5	6 Worship 5:30pm	
	Scouts 6:30-7:30 FH Scouts 5:30-6:30 Rm		Confirmation 6pm (supper at 5:30)				
*	8 Scouts 6:30-7:30 Rm2		Sr Choir 7pm				
	Scouts 5:30-6:30 FH						
	Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm						
7	8	9 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	10	Breakfast Club 7:07am	12	13	
Worship 8:30 & 10:30	Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm		WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30			Worship 5:30pm	
Sunday School 9:30 Worship at Golden Living 1pm	-		Confirmation 6pm (supper at 5:30)				
Living Ipin			Sr Choir 7pm				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Worship 8:30 & 10:30	Den Meeting 3:15	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Follower DEADLINE	Breakfast Club 7:07am		Worship 5:30pm	
Kids' Choirs Sing at both services	Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm		Committees 7pm & Council 8pm			Baptism	
Sunday School 9:30			WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30				
Private Event FH 2-6pm			Confirmation 6pm (supper at 5:30)				
			Sr Choir 7pm				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Worship 8:30 & 10:30	Ruth Study 1:30 at Parkview	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 Confirmation 6pm	Dorcas Unit 9:30am Breakfast Club 7:07am	Rehearsal 5pm	Wedding	
Sunday School 9:30	Library reserved					Worship 5:30pm	
Baptism 10:30	6:30-8:00pm		(supper at 5:30)				
FUEL @ CCOC 6:30pm			Sr Choir 7pm				
28	29	30					
Worship 8:30 & 10:30	Library reserved	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am					
Sunday School 9:30	6:30-8:00pm		April 2013				
Concert at Dassel 6pm							