

Pastor's Corner - July & Aug 2013

Last month we talked about engaging all of us in discipleship. One of the key components of engaging in discipleship is regular devotions. Devotions, simply put by David Anderson, are "Practicing the presence of God." When we practice this presence we can start to see how God is moving in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

Over the weekend I was at our annual Synod Assembly, and one of the presenters was Rich Melheim. Melheim has done a lot of wonderful work in Christian education and faith development. One of his gifts has been a simple and profound way of doing devotions--called *Faith 5*. Melheim has broken it down in this way. Faith actually stands for **Faith Acts In The Home**. There are five steps to practicing these acts:

1. **Share**--share each persons "high" for the day and each persons "low" for the day. One thing that happened that was good and one thing that was not so good.
2. **Read**--read a passage or story from the Bible. This can be taken from anywhere in scripture. You may have a list of readings or you may use the daily readings found in the Cross of Calvary bulletin. Read.
3. **Connect**--connect your highs and lows to the reading--if possible. You may be amazed at how connections might be made.
4. **Pray**--pray for each other based on the highs and lows. A lot of time we may be tempted to focus on simply the lows, but make sure to give God thanks for the highs!
5. **Bless**--Just a short little blessing for each person--bless each other. A short blessing reminding the person of God's love for them. It may be as simple as saying their name and adding "God loves you!"

We will be talking about this much more as we go into the year. But, this is just to give you a sample of some of things we will be doing together as we walk as disciples! If you would like more information now, just give me a call at 320-579-0839! God's grace and peace be with you all for a wonderful summer!

God's peace!

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Mon - Thurs 8:30 - 4:30 Friday 8:30 - 2:00

Facility Hours

Mon - Thurs 8:30 - 7:00

Need access?

Craig 522-0266

Worship

- Sunday morning 9:00am
- Thursday evening 6:30pm

Sept FOLLOWER deadline is Aug 9
Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Aug 20

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is WED. by noon.

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

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Dave Altmann	Gordy Blem	Todd Gay
Natashia Johnson	Cindy Johnson	Sandra Whited
Keith Larson	Eric Skeie	Marie Rauenhorst
Michelle Jensen	David Torgelson	

Treasurer: Curt Sather

VOLUNTEERS

July

Communion T Gay

Ushers 9:00 – M Thiesse, C Erickson, C Schroer, R Marguth

Altar Guild J Hanson, D Gluesing

August

Communion T Gay

Ushers 9:00 – J Jandl, C Jandl, W Stucke, S Wertish

Altar Guild S Larson, A Dietrich, S Iverson

Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

Committee and Council Meetings

Council has decided to streamline the Committee process by consolidating into four main committees.

Equipping the Congregation

Worship and Music
Parish Education
Parish Life

Administration

Technology
Stewardship and Finance
Property

Outreach

Evangelism
Missions

Youth Ministry

- There are no meetings in July
- Meetings resume on August 14
 - Committee Meetings at 7pm
 - Council Meeting at 8pm

COMMUNION July 7, 18, 21 Aug 1, 4, 15, 18

PRAYERS

Diana Adkins Chase Lykken Jean Stadtherer
Robert Murphy

*Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

*Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland – deployed to Afghanistan

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.

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 – are designated 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 will direct you to the extension number for the staff member needed. Emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

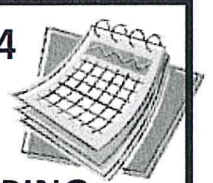
ATTENDANCE

May 26-137 June 2-153 June 9-108 June 16-136

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.

Check out the COMMUNITY BOARD at the East Entrance

PLANNING the 2013-14 EVENT CALENDAR:



**Please submit ALL RECURRING
ACTIVITIES and NEW ACTIVITIES
for 2013-14 calendar to the office
by August 1. The events calendar
will be put together and presented
to the Council in August.**

crossofcalvary@gmail.com

SUMMER Coffee Hour is WIDE OPEN.

Individuals or groups from the congregation may host coffee hour. Just sign up on the BOARD.

Summer Birthdays were listed in the June Follower

Reminder—there is no Aug Follower.

Council Minutes from the June meeting will be published in the September Follower. Copies will be available in the office on June 30th.

Summer time! After such a long drawn out winter I think we are all looking forward to some warm summer evenings! A time of renewal and relaxation; of summer sports and grilled food; of bare feet and sun-kissed skin.

I pray you find many moments where you can sit back and reflect on this magnificent world God has given us. Blessings to you all in these upcoming months - *Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation*

cofcyouth@gmail.com Facebook: **Chels Plumley** Check out the Faith Blog at www.crossofcalvary.net

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

JULY – 8th – Stingers Game – Willmar 6 pm
 10th – Relay for Life meeting 5 pm @CCOC
 18th – Youth Serve Thursday evening meal
 – Relay for Life planning meeting
 4:30 pm – Stay to help serve dinner
 25th – Car Wash/bake/craft sale 4-7pm
 All proceeds go to Relay for Life

AUG – 1st – Final meeting for Relay for Life
 2nd – RELAY FOR LIFE
 4-8th – VBS @ Our Saviors in Bird Island
 6:30-8:30
 14th – Relay for Life follow up meeting
 17th – Confirmation Retreat 9AM-4PM

STINGERS Baseball Game **July 8th 7 PM**



Included in cost of \$18:

- * 1 General Admission ticket
- *All you can eat picnic an hour before (6-7pm) and fun!
- *First 250 kids get a free bat!
- **Bring the whole family, invite your friends!

HURRY! Only 6 Tickets left!

Thursday Evening Worship and Free Meal

- **YOUTH are serving at the Thursday evening meal on July 18th from 5:30-6:30
- **All the food and materials will be set up for us, we serve the food and minimal clean up.
- *Note, this is NOT a fundraiser but elements will be given to Confirmation students.

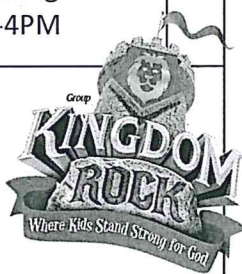


August 4-8th

6:00-8:30 pm

**New things with our Vacation Bible
 School this year!**

**Check out the following page for more
 information about the upcoming Vacation Bible
 School week in August!**



**CAR WASH
 BAKE SALE
 CRAFT SALE**



July 25th-Thursday 4-7 pm

Cross of Calvary Parking Lot.

- *Come grab a snack, check out our handmade crafts and let our Teen Relay team take care of your vehicle!
- *High School students will also be leading games while you are waiting so bring the kids!

Relay for Life Youth team

**"More birthdays, Less
 cancer"**

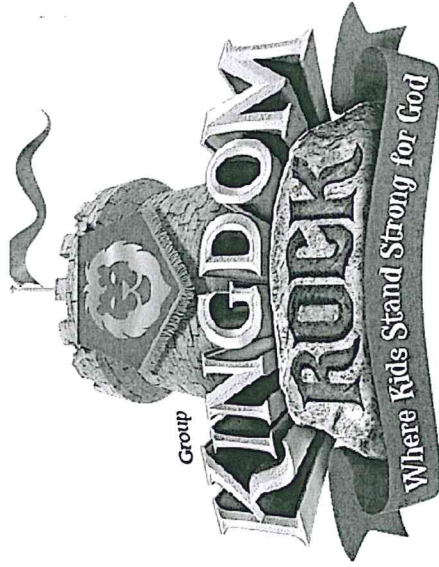
Upcoming meetings:

July 10th 5 pm at CCOC
 July 18th 4:30 pm at Cross of Calvary
 July 25th – Car Wash/ Bake sale
 August 1 – final meeting (if needed)
 August 2nd – Relay for Life Event!

***Come August 2nd to support this
 amazing cause and play birthday
 games with us at the BOLD HS Track.**



**All proceeds benefit
 the Renville County
 Relay for Life**



2013 Vacation Bible School Registration

Our Savior's and Cross of Calvary Bible School

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, / Bird Island, MN

Dates: Sunday August 4th – Thursday August 8th / 6:00 -8:30 p.m.

Name: _____ T-shirt size _____

Street address: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Age: _____ Last grade completed: _____ Date of birth: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone # _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Cost of VBS -\$15 per child (T-shirt included)

****A light supper will offered at 5:30 for an additional \$10 (for the week)**

Supper Yes or No

Registration due by **July 24th 2013** - Walk-in registrations welcome

Scholarships available upon request.

Any questions concerning registration please call:

Chelsey Plumley at Cross of Calvary 320-523-1574, or Jayme Ryan at OSLC at 320-365-3996

VBS

August 4-8th

6:00-8:30 pm

New things with our Vacation Bible School this year!

Check out the new and exciting **changes** to our summer VBS for 2013!

REGISTRATION FORM due July 24th.

Interested in helping? Let Chelsey or Jill know. Conf. students = elements!

Who? 3yr olds – 6th grade

What? Learning about God's Kingdom in an exciting way through games, snacks, crafts, bible study, and music!

Where? Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Bird Island

How much? \$15 for the week

*Supper provided each night before VBS for an additional \$10 for the week

*Scholarships available upon request

Please contact Chelsey will any questions or concerns. 522-3279