

# At Cross of Calvary - Week of Jan 19

## TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, create in us clean hearts each day. Make others faithful managers of all that you have given to us! Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us for service in your name. Amen!

## PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Lyndon Abraham	<i>D Abraham</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
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Vonnie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Mike Bruns	<i>C Mallak</i>
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Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Terje Hausken	<i>S Hausken</i>

Family of Pastor Paul Bortnem. Pastor Bortnem passed away on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Cards may be sent to his wife, Rosine Bortnem, 302 W Douglas St., Arlington, MN 55307. Pastor has two children, Peter Bortnem and Bekah Lundstrom.

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries  
James Whitcomb, Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For “warmer” weather!

## VOLUNTEERS for January

**Communion** 8:30—B Boen 10:30—E Skeie

**Ushers** 8:30 — G/D Mertens, B/T Kopel  
10:30— D Altmann, W Trongard

**Altar Guild** R Berg, T Stovern

**Acolytes** E Skeie, M Fennern

**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.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**TODAY (alternate 26) at 9:30 in the Sanctuary**

# Pastor encourages...



## REAL GOD. REAL FAITH. REAL LIFE.

2014 Equipping Congregations Day, SW MN Synod

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Worship & Youth Leaders, Pastors...Everyone!!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN

Speaker: **The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose**, The Marbury E. Anderson Assoc Prof of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary will be speaking on Real World Faith: Meeting God in the Everyday. We will also hear from **Bishop Jon Anderson** of your Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

### WORKSHOPS

You will be able to choose 3 workshops to attend throughout the day!

- Going Green
- Rethinking Church
- Faith in the Home
- Faith Practices for Everyday Life
- Insurance Uncovered
- Revising a Congregation's Constitution
- Forgiving God, Forgiving Self, Forgiving Others: The Power of Real Life
- What I Learned About Young Adults at Green Lake Bible Camp
- Gardening to Feed Our Families and Communities
- Worship For All Ages, By All Ages
- Congregation Leaders and Planning
- Internet Ministry: Do We Have To? Church Websites and Social Media for the Very Frightened
- What's up with the ELCA? - Interpreting the ELCA
- Becoming an Effective Treasurer
- Unbinding the Gospel: Why Share Our Christian Faith?
- Youth Ministry from a Youth's Perspective
- Vibrant Faith Ministries Resources
- "Inter-Sensory Worship: See, Hear, Touch, Smell and Design Your Worship Space"
- Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse
- Discovering Hope for Rural Congregations
- ELW Uncovered
- Healthy Congregations
- Meeting Our Muslim Neighbors
- Cross-Generational/Intergenerational Ministry
- Alternative to Sunday Morning
- Q&A with Guest Speaker David Lose

A complete workshop list with descriptions and leaders is available on our website.

### SCHEDULE

8:30am	Registration
9:00	Hymn Sing
9:15	Welcome & Devotions
9:45	Part 1 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
10:35	Break
10:45	Workshop 1
11:35	Lunch
12:10pm	Heavenly Harvest Gospel Band
12:20	Faith Story - Bishop Jon Anderson
12:40	Break
12:50	Workshop 2
1:40	Break
1:50	Workshop 3
2:20	Break
2:50	Part 2 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
3:20	Blessing & Sending

### GO TO [WWW.SWMNELCA.ORG](http://WWW.SWMNELCA.ORG) EVENTS PAGE TO REGISTER.

Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

### BEFORE February 10:

- Group Rate (no limit!):
  - \$50/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 100 or less
  - \$100/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 101 or more
  - OR \$15/Person

**AFTER February 10:** \$25/person; NO Group Rates.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod  
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God's work. Our hands.

# --Calling to your Attention--

## YIKES! -

Please do NOT substitute 2013 envelopes for 2014. Many account numbers have changed. Your 2014 envelopes are in the mailboxes. If, due to the yearly updating of the roll, your envelopes were inadvertently excluded, please let Laurie know

**No one was able to answer your call?** Every effort is made to see that the phones are answered at church – Staff covers for one another for vacations, sick leave and when gone for seminars; they stagger lunch times and make sure to let the others know about errands.

However, there are reasons a small church staff may not be able to pick up a call – Occasionally all staff are out for the day. Staff may be on another line. When in meetings, they allow the system to pick up, and sometimes they are in a part of the church where the phone cannot be heard.



### **Best thing to do when the staff is unable to answer the church number:**

- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, you are welcome to leave a message on the church answering system.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b>
	<b>Sun School/ Annual Meeting</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
	Follower Deadline	
<b>Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
<b>Wed</b>	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45 / 6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07am
	Quilters	9:00am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
	Augustana Lock-In	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b>
	<b>Sun School</b>	<b>9:30</b>

COMMUNION – Jan 19

**COMING UP – January**

27 – Ruth Circle  
28 – Assemble the Follower 1pm  
29-31 – Staff at Workshop

February  
02 – Souper Bowl of Caring

**\*Changes and additions to the calendar**

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**--General Reminders--**

- New Members are welcomed anytime. Contact Pastor or Laurie.
- Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.
- The *FOLLOWER* and weekly bulletin are available at *crossofcalvary.net*.
- *The Faithful 15* is a weekly, 15-minute podcast available on our website and on iTunes.
- The order of service is available in large print at the display rack
- We are no longer accepting used printer or toner cartridges.

**Emergency/Pastoral Care** - Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Listen for the staff member needed to access their cell number. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

**Great fellowship is waiting,  
how about signing up for  
coffee?!?!?**

The following dates are open and available for groups or individuals to sign up and host.

**OPENINGS**

Feb 2, 16  
Mar 2, 9, 23, 30  
Apr 27  
May 11



**Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:**

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request card and drop in the offering, or go to *crossofcalvary.net*
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month

## Confirmation meals

Jan 22 Newville /Adamski

Jan 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

**Expect** - 15 Conf students & 4 adults

**Time** – Serve from 5:45 to 6:20

**Ideas** – walking tacos, pizza, soups, BBQ, hot dogs, spaghetti, hotdishes

**Beverages** – sodas, milk (lemonade mix available at church)

**Dessert** - cookies, bars

**Bring** - disposable paper products, or do dishes

**Optional** – baby carrots, chips, salad

## WOW Treats

Feb 12, 9, 26

**Prepare** for 30 kids

**Drop off** by noon

**Ideas** - bars, cookies, fruit, crackers, cheese, fruit, snack mix, veggies/dip

**NO NUTS**



**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.

**Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar are always welcome.**

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call/email the office to indicate what you'd like in the bulletin – in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of. Note: without a designation, no reference will be printed.
- Have flowers delivered by 4pm on Saturday.

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## CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD

(take-home fliers often available)

Feb 1 – Mid-Winter Get-Away at RenVilla

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## John 2:13-25

**Key Verses:** “He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’” John 2:16-17

**Time:** 30-33 CE

**Background:** In the Gospel of John, the cleansing of the temple was Jesus’ first act once his ministry began. (In the other three gospels, it happened just before his crucifixion.) In John’s gospel, Jesus used signs to point toward God, always redirecting people’s attention away from himself, and toward God in heaven.

When Jesus overturned the tables, the Jews asked him for a sign to show that he had authority to do what he had done. They didn’t realize that Jesus was already beginning to perform signs that God had sent Jesus to reveal God to the people.

**Community:** What questionable behaviors or customs does your community practice that are so embedded in your community, they have not been examined for a long time? What would need to happen to begin to make changes to those customs?

**At Home:** What signs have you sought or seen to indicate that God is present in your life? Where will you look for God this week?

### Read This Week:

Monday, Jan 20, *God’s Blessing in the Home*, Psalm 127:1-2

Tuesday, Jan 21, *God’s Blessing in the Home*, Psalm 127:3-5

Wednesday, Jan 22, *The Happy Home of the Faithful*, Psalm 128:1-2

Thursday, Jan 23, *The Happy Home of the Faithful*, Psalm 128:3-4

Friday, Jan 24, *The Happy Home of the Faithful*, Psalm 128:5-6

Saturday, Jan 25, *Prayer for the Downfall of Israel’s Enemies*, Psalm 129:1-8

**Next Week:** Sunday, Jan 26, *Nicodemus*, John 3:1-21

JANUARY 19, 2014

# taking GOD'S STORY home



## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, "My love for your house burns in me like a fire." – John 2:17 (CEV)

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Almighty God, there is no one and no thing worthy of our worship and devotion except for you. Forgive us when we place other things as most important in our lives, and guide us to true and right worship of you alone. Amen.

## **A BLESSING TO SHARE**

*Use these words to bless another person as you mark his or her forehead with the cross of Christ:*

May passion for God's house and God's presence guide and keep your heart and mind this day. Amen.

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

As the church continues in the season of Epiphany, the Bible readings continue to help us answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" Following the theme of the story of Jesus clearing the temple, the daily readings this week are about worship. A good question to ask of each reading is: *What does this reading show me or tell me about Jesus?* Ask this of all readings, including those from the Old Testament.

Whatever your age, reading the daily passage from a children's Bible may open new ways of understanding. Consider one like the *Spark! Picture Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zondervan; available from the Vibrant Faith Ministries online store, [www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)).

Sunday	John 2:13-25	Jesus clears the temple
Monday	Exodus 20:1-11	Worship no other gods
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6:6-12	Don't forget God
Wednesday	Joshua 24:14-15	Worship only the Lord
Thursday	Psalms 95:1-17	Come, let us worship God!
Friday	Matthew 4:1-11	Worship God alone
Saturday	Revelation 7:9-17	Worship forever
Sunday	John 3:1-21	Jesus and Nicodemus

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Jesus' outrageous action in the temple reminds us that nothing is more important than worship of God. It wasn't so much the presence of the animal sellers that was the problem—animals were sold for the convenience of people who traveled some distance to Jerusalem, so that they could bring a fitting sacrifice to worship. The issue was the dishonesty and profiteering surrounding this enterprise.

In Matthew 6:21, Jesus says, "Your heart will always be where your treasure is." Martin Luther is credited with saying it this way: "Whatever you make most important in your life, there is your god." Discuss what you tend to make most important in your life. *What does it mean to treasure God above all else?*

## DEVOTIONS

Try to find a time when everyone in your household can gather for devotions, perhaps in the morning or before bedtime. If you are alone, how might you include other people in your devotions?

Shape your devotions—and devotions are a form of worship—around the following basic pattern:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of Christ in your midst. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas and questions in "Caring Conversations."
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What questions do you have about this reading? What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

## SERVICE

In what ways do you participate in worship at your church? Perhaps this is a good time to see how you might be able to serve in worship or help to prepare for worship. How could you invite others to join in worship with you?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

"Devotions" (above) suggests a pattern for daily worship. Don't become discouraged when daily distractions disrupt this ritual. Keep working on making it a tradition in your life. Start new every day, rejoicing that our God is the God of grace!



Go to [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) for more faith-forming activities.



# Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the Men's Group in support of youth  
scholarships for camps and mission

**Wed., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5pm-7pm**

Adults = \$7.00  
Confirmation Students = \$5.00  
Children, ages 5 to 11 = \$4.00  
Children 4 and under are free  
Take-outs available



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(Snow Date: Feb 26)

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## February - Cof C will be the Christian Community Outreach Center Snack Sponsors

Thank you for volunteering to provide healthy snacks for God's children at the Christian Community Outreach Center! After their day at school the kids really appreciate a snack before they get started on homework.

Here are some ideas for healthy snacks:

- Apples and caramel dip
- Cheese and crackers
- Carrots and veggie dip
- Popcorn
- Granola bars
- Chex mix
- Yogurt
- Bananas
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Celery, peanut butter and raisins

Mondays and Thursdays.  
Plan for 65 kids each day.

2/3/2014
2/6/2014
2/10/2014
2/13/2014
2/17/2014
2/20/2014
2/24/2014
2/27/2014

Sign up  
on the  
Board

If you are able to come serve the snack from 3:00 – 3:30, wonderful!  
Otherwise, please drop it off at the Christian Community Outreach  
Center. Master's coffee shop is open from 7 am to 4 pm.

We have paper boats to serve the snacks from. No beverage is needed.

Once again, thank you! Sarah Hausken, CCOC Ministry Coordinator