

At Cross of Calvary - Week of February 9

COMMUNION – February 16

TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, the healing that you bring to us fills us with all gladness. May this healing send us to bear witness to the power of your gracious and healing word. May we be a light that points others to you! Bless the food that we are about to eat as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus! Be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen!"

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Alex Jacobs	<i>B Nelson</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Gene Revier	<i>E Revier</i>
Alvina Beckman	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Mike Bruns	<i>C Mallak</i>
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JoAnn Keyser	<i>C Johnson</i>	Leanne Miller	<i>S Grasmon</i>
Katelynn Rae Wahus	<i>S Alton</i>		

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

A new day...again and again and again

VOLUNTEERS for February

Communion 8:30—B Boen 10:30—D Torgelson

Ushers 8:30 — T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, S Malecek
10:30— A Thomopson, Corey Gluesing

Altar Guild L Blem, L Frank

Acolytes E Iverson, T Sagedahl

Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

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

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.

--Calling to Your Attention--

THIS WEEK

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am
Mon	Scouts – FH and Kitchen	6:00pm-8:30pm
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids’ Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45/6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
Thurs	Breakfast Club	7:07pm
	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sun School	9:30am
	Natl. Gathering Kick-off Breakfast	9:30am

COMING UP – February

17 March Follower deadline

19 – Spaghetti Dinner

19 – Confirmation class at 6:30

19 – Committees and Council

26 – Altar Guild

*Changes / additions to the calendar

Sing??? More members are needed for the Senior Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and last about an hour. Contact Laurie if you have questions.



The Spring Craft Retreat will be held March 6-8. Event information is in the display rack in the Narthex. Submit your registration form and fee to Ronda Berg or Laurie Schultze by February 14.

Have your PANS and PLASTIC WARE gone missing? Please check out the cart in the Narthex before Feb. 12.

Heartland is collecting hotel-sized soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions. Drop the unopened containers in Marlys Klinghagen’s church mailbox.

Pastor encourages...

Create a Healthy, Happy, Godly Family One Night at a Time



Imagine a home where every person feels loved, valued and heard. Imagine a family that seeks God's wisdom, will and Word together. Imagine an intimate, affectionate community where every night is an experience of caring, sharing, comfort and peace.

You can make this beautiful picture a reality in your home. But it won't happen by accident—you need a plan! *Holding Your Family Together* is a workable, powerful plan based on a simple nightly routine: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. This is FAITH5, and it has transformed families around the world. No matter your child's age or your family's unique situation, FAITH5 can work for you. Inside you'll find everything you need to get your family into a nightly habit that will open your hearts to each other and to God.

Does this sound like an impossible dream? It's not, and you can start ... tonight.



HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

5 Simple Steps to Help
Bring Your Family Closer to
God and Each Other



Dr. Rich Melheim

Come as a family to hear
Dr. Rich Melheim
and learn about the Faith5!

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

March 2, 2014
4:00-5:30 pm



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

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.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

--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.

No one was able to answer your call? 320-523-1574

- 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, leave a message on the church answering system.

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. 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

Mar 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



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.

Confirmation meals

Feb 12

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 19, 26 Mar 12, 19, 26

Prepare for 30 kids

Drop off by noon

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

NO NUTS



Spaghetti Dinner

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

Wed., Feb. 19th

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

2014



(Snow Date: Feb 26)

Check the BOARD for Jill Hanson's recipe from *Souper Bowl* Sunday!
Chicken Gnocchi Soup – YUMMMMMMY!

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.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance
(take-home fliers often available)



Feb. 26 – Turkey Supper at Zion United Methodist Church
March 2 - Benefit Dinner for Dale Weilage

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Silent Auction information is available in the Narthex display rack.

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

John 4:46-5:18

Key Verse: “Jesus said to [the man], ‘Go; your son will live.’ The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.” John 4:50

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: Jesus’ healings were the second sign of seven that Jesus performed in the Gospel of John. After each sign, there was a dialog, and then Jesus explained his sign.

The question that arose with Jesus’ healings was about his authority to do so. Jesus explained that his authority came from “the Father,” which was itself a blasphemous (offensive against God) statement. Jesus was putting himself on the same plane with God, which was an unthinkable sin.

Community: What words are spoken in public that are blasphemous, or offensive against God today? Who speaks them and who speaks against them? What is an appropriate response? What might you say, and to whom would you speak? What blasphemous words have you spoken? How might you make amends for the harms caused by those words?

At Home: What has Jesus promised you that you believe without doubt? What has Jesus promised that you are having trouble believing? How does your doubt and your faith shape how you speak and act throughout each day?

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 10, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:1-5

Tuesday, Feb 11, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:6-8

Wednesday, Feb 12, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:9-10

Thursday, Feb 13, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:11-12

Friday, Feb 14, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:13-15

Saturday, Feb 15, *Thanksgiving for Deliverance*, Psalm 40:16-17

Next Week: Sunday, Feb 16, *Bread of Life*, John 6:35-59

FEBRUARY 9, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But Jesus said, "My Father has never stopped working, and that is why I keep on working." – John 5:17 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Healing God, I pray for all who are in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit. I pray especially for: *(name individuals in need of healing.)* Be with them through the caring work of the doctors, nurses, and all hospital workers committed to their care. Use me to be a comforting presence to them. I pray in Jesus' name, through whom you work. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark another person's forehead with the cross of Christ as you speak the blessing: May the healing presence of Christ be with you, fill you with all hope, and overflow through you into the lives of others. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

"Who is Jesus?" is the Epiphany question. This week the invitation is to consider Jesus as healer. There is no guessing or wondering about how Jesus heals. It is just what he does as he encounters those in need. Luke's Gospel is bountiful in telling stories of Jesus' healing. As you continue with daily Bible readings through the season of Epiphany, keep asking: *What does this reading show me or tell me about Jesus?*

Sunday	John 4:46-54; 5:1-18	Jesus heals a sick boy and a lame man
Monday	Luke 4:31-41	Jesus heals man with unclean spirit
Tuesday	Luke 5:12-26	Jesus heals one with leprosy
Wednesday	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals man with a withered hand
Thursday	Luke 7:1-17	Jesus heals, even from death
Friday	Acts 3:1-10	Jesus' disciples heal
Saturday	James 5:13-18	Prayers for healing
Sunday	John 6:35-59	Jesus the Living Bread

CARING CONVERSATIONS

What is your reaction to healing stories in the Bible, such as the readings for this week? When people today are sick or injured, they usually go to a doctor, chiropractor, nurse, therapist, or other helping professional. Take a moment to consider how these healing arts might connect with your faith in the healing power of God's presence.

DEVOTIONS

Continue to seek a good time for everyone in your household to gather for devotions. It may be during a meal, first thing in the morning, or at bedtime—whatever works for you. If you are alone, make an effort to include other people in your time of devotion and prayer, perhaps through use of electronic media.

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you recall the light of Christ shining in your midst. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas 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

You can participate in God's healing presence when you visit people who are sick or hospitalized. Don't underestimate what your presence can do to lift the spirits or to break up the monotony for someone who is struggling with illness. Congregations keep lists of people who are sick and requesting prayer. Ask your pastor how you might care for these individuals through prayer, cards, phone calls, visits, and/or help with household chores.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In addition to whatever medical advice you follow when you or someone you care about is sick, think of how to add prayer to your "sickness ritual" of care. This can be as simple as laying your hand on the sick one's head and saying, "Lord Jesus, please take care of (name). Amen."



Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities.