

March
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner



God's blessings to all of you! I began writing my annual report when I was at my parents' house last month. The week quickly got a lot more hectic, and I decided rather than to keep with this report to begin a new one. First and foremost, I realized the full impact of a Christian community surrounding you. The third week in January was incredibly draining for me, and I found myself in prayer often. But, as I was in prayer, I felt your prayers as well. You all were, for me, the angels that God sends to us. This is the mark of Christian community! Thank you! The second thing events like this cause many of us to do is focus on the basics. What are we about as a Christian community as we head into 2014? The short answer is bearing witness and equipping others to bear witness to the grace and love we have received in Jesus Christ.

That might be a good short answer, but as to the "how to," it requires faithful dedication. This is the kind of dedication that I have seen in all of you. So, I believe that Cross of Calvary is ready for this Holy Challenge!

We have put many things in place so far this year. The first piece to becoming equipped is knowing the story. What is the best place to learn the story? In worship! But, even more than that—focusing on that story all week long! We have embarked on the narrative lectionary which goes through the scripture in four year cycles. We are not jumping around. Instead we are focusing on one lesson in chronological order to get a sense of what God is up to, not only in the biblical story but in our lives as well. This becomes easy over time, but like all good things it takes time and practice. Also, like all good things, it is well worth it!

The second step is equipping you to do this in your daily life. I believe that the *Faith 5* discipline provides not only the best way, but the easiest way for all of us to do this.

We have started it in our Confirmation curriculum, but it will spread soon to other aspects of our ministry as well. The hope is to make you, not only comfortable with sharing what is truly important, but having fun while doing it as well.

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Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Katelynn Rae Wahun	S Alton	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Leanne Miller	K Grasmon	Athena Serbus-Kruger	<i>S Grasmon</i>
Jim Harizin	A Osthur	Greg Smith	<i>D Boen</i>
Jean Stadtherer	A Boen	Lyndon Abraham	<i>D Abraham</i>

Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
James Whitcomb and Logan Pautzke – deployed to Afghanistan



Worship

Sunday morning 8:30 & 10:30am
Saturday evening 5:30pm
Sunday School 9:30-10:20am

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes

Volunteers

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—B Boen
Ushers 8:30 —M Hanson, B & V Wertish, K Elfering
10:30— D Beckler, R Elbert

Altar Guild D Beckler, M Rauenhurst, K O'Neil

Acolytes W Trongard, E Whited

Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

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



Sunday Volunteers Reminders for ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, technology and staff.

PLEASE open and check the email.

Prayer List Information

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.

Welcome through Baptism

Braxton Dean Helmer

Parents: Kelsey Wertish & Darek Helmer

Good to know...

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.

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.

April FOLLOWER deadline is March 17

Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Mar 25

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.

Food Shelf Donations – 8 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

COMMUNION – March 2, 16



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

Business

- 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.

Heartland is collecting hotel-sized soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions. Drop the unopened containers in Marlys Klinghagen's church mailbox. Items are provided for the homeless

Calling All Are Girl Scouts for Girl Scout Sunday

Wear your sashes on March 9th. See you at either service.



Pastor Matt continued:

The third step is actually going out and living what we are equipped to do. This is one of the major focuses of the upcoming year. My sabbatical will cover all aspects of wellness and how we can be good managers of our spiritual lives, our physical lives, our emotional lives, and our social lives. God has created us to live in all four areas, and we are entrusted with managing those lives as well. How can we create a ministry that takes all these areas into account and give you practical tools on this? That is my focus. The other focus will be on how we welcome those into our family of faith? Look for more information on what is called *Faith Forming Faith* as we head into summer. This equips us not only to share our faith, but to grow in our faith as we are teaching it to others.

One other way we are looking at living out this faith is by starting a Stephens Ministry here at Cross of Calvary. What that entails is learning how to be a support to one another as we walk together in faith. I believe that many of you are ready for this without even noticing it. How do I know? I experienced it in a profound way earlier this year!

So, we have laid an excellent ground work, and we look forward to building on that in the upcoming year. We need each one of you! It is a Holy Challenge, but one I truly believe we are up for!

Thank you so much to each one of you! A special thanks goes out to our wonderful office staff in Laurie and Chelsey. They are amazing! Also to an incredible church council for a faithful year of service. Thank you also to all who have helped with Sunday School, music, worship, grounds keeping,

and all the other things that truly make us an amazing, grace filled congregation! God's blessings to all of us!

Yours in Christ,



2014 Committee Membership

Since committees were restructured a year ago, a membership update is needed. Where is God leading you to serve? Sign up on a sheet in the Narthex or check in with Laurie by email, phone or swing by.

Administration

- Oversee and make arrangements for maintenance of the church and parsonage
- Direct the council on needs for technology and property
- Keep the Council and congregation updated regarding church finances
- Direct the Council regarding financial needs of the church

Equipping the Congregation

Offer the congregation the opportunity and tools to do the following:

- Develop ways in which to engage the congregation socially and spiritually
- Work with the Minister of Faith Formation regarding Sunday School
- Assist Pastor in planning worship and music
- Provide Comfort Meals

Outreach

- Promote the ministry of Cross of Calvary
- Offer opportunities to draw new members/engage the unchurched

- Educate the congregation on mission ministry
- Provide opportunities for the congregation to be personally involved in World Missions
- Review options for mission support and distribute funds – locally and globally

Youth Ministry

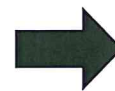
- discuss the vision and ministry of youth programs at C of C
- determine the youth calendar of events
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of youth ministry – materials, funds, time, energy, volunteers, transportation, chaperons, etc.

WE ARE

Meals On Wheels

The March sign-up sheet for Cross of Calvary's month for Meals on Wheels is on the DOOR. Choose your weeks or a day or two. Choose your route. Pick up at the Chatterbox at 11:15am

CLEARANCE TIME!!! While perusing the clearance racks and shelves for end of winter treasures, please consider Santa's Closet for discounted winter wear and toys. Yes, they are always accepting donations. Just leave items with Laurie.



125th Anniversary Committee

As the anniversary approaches, volunteers are needed to generate ideas for the type of celebration Cross of Calvary will have.

March 31 is the last day to designate your 2013 Thrivent dollars.

Offerings

Thank You to everyone who has been adding their name and the amount of their offering to the offering envelopes!

Another thanks to those who have added their offering account number to checks submitted without an offering envelope and to automatic deposits.

Record keeping has been going very smoothly due to your continued efforts!

If ever you have a question regarding your offering record, please contact Laurie. She is happy to assist!

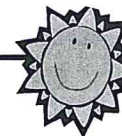
Blessings



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

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call or email Laurie in 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.

Summer 2014



2014 Summer Worship schedule:

Sunday morning at 9:00am

- Coffee hour to follow

Thursday evening at 6:30pm

- Service and Communion will be the same as the upcoming Sunday
- No service on July 3 or July 24

Supper prior to Thurs. worship will depend on volunteers - please contact Laurie

The summer schedule will begin on Thursday, May 22.

Join the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra for the benefit of our Renville County Food Shelf. The performance will be on Sunday, April 6, 4:00pm at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Fairfax, MN.

Birthdays



03/01 Robideau, Lachlan
03/02 Barta, Karen
03/03 Adamski, Cassandra
03/03 Grund, Brett
03/03 Grund, Breanna
03/04 Mallak, Duane
03/04 Bahl, Katrina
03/04 Senger, Matthew/Angi
03/04 Hanson, Jack
03/05 Dahl, Ashley
03/07 Baumgartner, Andrew
03/07 Erickson, Emily
03/07 Reese, Jena
03/07 Mertens, Breann
03/07 Newville, Daniel
03/10 Kircher, Kent
03/10 Amberg, Tara
03/10 Helmer, Dawn
03/10 Jansen, Evan
03/11 Johnson, Cindy
03/12 Fostvedt, Sonja
03/12 Plass, Lynn

03/12 Hebrink, Tyler
03/13 Lilja, Josie
03/14 Rock, Traci
03/14 Serbus, Nanette
03/14 Aponte, Jackie
03/15 Maurice, Mavis
03/15 Dale, Jeff
03/15 Sagedahl, Drew
03/16 Stratton, Laurence
03/16 Lingl, Jesse
03/16 Gross, Gavin
03/16 Mages, Tatum
03/17 Wagner, Kari
03/17 Schmidt, August
03/18 Buhr, Paul
03/18 Hanson, Lorene
03/18 Amberg, Gage
03/18 Baumgartner, Colton
03/19 Torkelson, Trevor
03/20 Osthus, Anne
03/20 Dale, Cody
03/20 Bohm, Braylon
03/21 Erickson, Steve

03/21 Suess, Annmarie
03/21 Schrupp, Justin
03/21 Fliflet, Karissa
03/22 Guetter, Danielle
03/24 Schwer, Tammy
03/24 Holland, Andrew
03/24 Kubesh, Carson
03/25 Metteer, Angie
03/26 Gay, Jacob
03/27 Abraham, Lyndon
03/27 Revier, Parker
03/27 Kowalski, Peyton
03/27 Blad, Avery
03/29 Neubauer, William
03/29 Mikosch, Jacob
03/29 Boen, Zane
03/30 Neubauer, Janelle
03/30 Steffel, Jan
03/30 Kopel, Bobbi
03/30 Lothert Jr., Craig
03/31 Malecek, Florence
03/31 Wick, Kevin
03/31 Jansen, Kayla

C of C Youth NEWS

March

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Souper Bowl challenge! Jill Hanson was our champ. And with your help we raised \$129 for the Food Shelf. Thank you again!

Another thank you for all your support of our next national gathering to Detroit. We truly appreciate everything!

WHY CAMP?

Summer Camps Make Kids Resilient

February 5, 2012 by Michael Ungar, Ph.D. in Nurturing Resilience

1. **New relationships**, not only with peers, but with trusted adults other than their parents.
2. A powerful **identity** that makes the child feel confident.
3. Camps help children feel in control of their lives. Children who experience themselves as **competent** will be problem-solvers.
4. Camp gives them opportunities to just be kids who are **valued** for who they are.
5. At camp kids get what they need to **develop physically**. Ideally, fresh air, exercise, a balance between routine and unstructured time, and all the good food their bodies need
6. Best of all, camps offer kids a chance to feel like they **belong**.

Family camp, half a week or a full week, there is a camp for every age!

Early Bird Registration due – **Save \$10** per camper by having your registration in by **March 9th**

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
ALL in Grades 8-12	March 9 th	Cross of Calvary	FUEL – This is a Worship service planned by you, made for you! Interactive worship and fellowship. Start with snacks at 6:30 and worship at 7:00 Confirmation students – this is required
Confirmation Students	March 13 th	Cross of Calvary	Confirmation Service night – Thursday, 5:30-7 pm Working at the Food Shelf doing a variety of tasks This is required!
2015 Youth Gathering parents	March 23 rd	Cross of Calvary	Meet in the Sanctuary to discuss further planning of the 2015 National trip to Detroit. Even if you aren't sure about the trip come to hear about it and ask questions.
EVERYONE!	March 30 th	Cross of Calvary	Think Spring!! Our annual Spring Fling is coming up May 10 th . Flower sales will begin March 30 th . Ask a C of C youth grades 2-12. Our beautiful potted or hanging baskets are a perfect gift for Mother's day!

CHECK IT OUT

- March 2 – Faith Five event in Spicer 4:00-5:30
- March 9 – Kids' Choirs sing at both services
– Fuel: 6:30 Cross of Calvary
- March 9th – Earlybird CAMP registrations due
- March 13th 5:30 – Confirmation work @ Food Shelf
- March 23rd – National Gathering meeting 9:30
- March 28-29th – 2-6th grade Camp Retreat @ GLLM
– Sr. High Gathering
- March 30th – SPRING FLING flower sales begin

Coffee Hour Hosts:

March 16th -

K. Larson, D Bratsch, Whited, C. Boen,



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Faith Blog www.crossofcalvary.net Find me on Facebook: Chels Plumley

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

March 2014

1

Worship 5:30

2

Worship 8:30 &
10:30Sunday School
9:30

Faith 5 Event

3

Library
reserved
6:00-8:00pm

4

Men's Bible
Study 6:15am &
7:00am

5

Ash
Wednesday –
Noon & 7pmWOW,
WeeWOW,
Kids' Choirs
3:15-4:30

6

Spring Craft
Retreat

Quilters 9:00

7

Spring Craft
Retreat

8

Spring Craft
Retreat

Worship 5:30

9 Early Bird Camp
reg. dueWorship 8:30 &
10:30
Kids' Choirs sing
Sunday School
9:30Shower
12:00-2:00

FUEL 6:30

10

Library
reserved
6:00-8:00pm

11

Men's Bible
Study 6:15am &
7:00am

12

WOW,
WeeWOW,
Kids' Choirs
3:15-4:30Soup Supper
5:30-6:30Lent Service
7pm

13

Quilters 9:00

Confirmation
work @ Food
Shelf

14

15

Worship 5:30

16

Worship 8:30 &
10:30Sunday School
9:30

17

Follower
DeadlineLibrary
reserved
6:00-8:00pm

18

Men's Bible
Study 6:15am &
7:00am

19

WOW,
WeeWOW,
Kids' Choirs
3:15-4:30Soup Supper
5:30-6:30Lent Service
7pm7:45 Council
No Committee Meetings

20

Quilters 9:00

21

22

Worship 5:30

23

Worship 8:30 &
10:30Sunday School
9:30Natl.
Gathering
meeting 9:30

24

Ruth Circle
1:30Library
reserved
6:00-8:00pm

25

Men's Bible
Study 6:15am &
7:00amAssemble the
Follower 1pm

26

WOW,
WeeWOW,
Kids' Choirs
3:15-4:30Soup Supper
5:30-6:30Lent Service
7pm

27

Dorcas Circle
9:30am

Quilters 9:00

28

2nd-6th grade Camp Retreat at GLLM
Senior High Gathering

29

Worship 5:30

30

Worship 8:30 &
10:30Sunday School
9:30

31

Library
reserved
6:00-8:00pmSpring Fling Flower Sales
BEGIN March 30th.