

# At Cross of Calvary - Week of March 16

## TABLE PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, your Son has shown us the way of love that you command of us each day. send us forth in your Spirit so that we may follow in this way of love. Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us as we go forth and witness to your amazing love. 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>	James Harazin	<i>A Osthus</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>
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Margie Barber	<i>L Schultze</i>	Lyndon Abraham	<i>D Abraham</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the readers last week – Syd Slagter, Broderick Prokosch, Breann Mertens and Mal Steffel.

## VOLUNTEERS for March

**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 Rauenhorst, 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



**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.

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

# --Calling to Your Attention--

COMMUNION – Every week during the Lenten season

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b> Baptism – Avery Kopel Kids’ Choirs sing Sun School	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b> 10:30am beginning of services 9:30am
<b>Mon</b>	Library reserved Follower Deadline	6:00-8:00pm
<b>Tues</b>	Men’s Bible Study Office closed (Pastor and Chelsey will be in and out throughout the day)	6:15 & 7:00am
<b>Wed</b>	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids’ Choirs Soup Supper Confirmation <b>Lent Worship</b> Senior Choir Council	3:15-4:30pm 5:30-6:30pm 7:00pm <b>7pm</b> TBD (watch your email) 7:45pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Breakfast Club Quilters	7:07pm 9:00am
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Sun School</b> Natl. Gathering Mtg.	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b> 9:30am

## COMING UP in March

24 – Ruth Circle      25 – Assemble *Follower*      27 – Dorcas Circle

<b>Soup Suppers</b>	5:30 – 6:30pm	19, 26, Apr, 9
<b>Lent Services</b>	7:00pm	March 19, 26, Apr, 9
<b>Confirmation</b>	7:00 pm worship	March 19, 26, Apr, 9
<b>Ham Dinner</b>		Apr 6
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:30am/10:30am	Apr 13
<b>Palm Sun Bkfst</b>	9:30am	Apr 13
<b>Matens (Mon-Fri)</b>	7:00am	Apr 14-18
<b>---NO Wednesday Programming (Holy Week)</b>		Apr 16
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	12:00pm/7:00pm	Apr 17
<b>Good Friday</b>	7:00pm	Apr 18
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	6:30am/9:00am	Apr 20



**CLEARANCE TIME!!!** While perusing the clearance racks and shelves for end of winter treasures, please consider Santa's Closet for discounted winter clothing, outdoor wear and toys. Leave items with Laurie.



## Wednesday Evening Worship

### Come One, Come All

We will be looking for YOU, your family and your friends at 7pm each Wednesday during Lent. The staff has been preparing these services with all generations in mind, and everyone will head home with:

- Practical faith forming tools for every age group – preschool, elementary, teens, young adults and the young at heart
- Having easily memorized the verse for the lesson
- A true sense of God's blessing through fellowship at service
- Your Bible filled with notes  
(Be sure to bring your Bible...doesn't matter what version.)

**HAM DINNER** is April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will be available soon. \$8 for age ten and older, \$5 for kids.

WE ARE  
**Meals On Wheels**

The 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.

- Week of March 17 – South Route
- Week of March 24 – Both Routes

### Spring Fling Flower Sales

begin March 30<sup>th</sup>.

See a participating youth  
in grades 2-12

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

**Thank you from the Men's Group!** The Annual Spaghetti Dinner brought in over \$750 and an additional \$300 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The success of the dinner is always found in those who donate, serve and enjoy! This year's monies will help fund camps this summer!



## 125th Anniversary Committee

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

**SOUP SUPPERS** – A great way for your group to fund raise. The sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.



March 19 Youth Group

March 26 Senior Choir

April 2

April 9 Men's Group

## --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](http://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.

### 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](http://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.

**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.


**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.

Mar 30  
Apr 27  
May 11



### Flowers for the Altar?

- 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.



Tuesday, March 25  
7pm to 9pm  
American Legion  
Olivia

That's right...this is a new and exciting opportunity to have fellowship with others who enjoy faith filled music!

*Happy Hour Hymns* will be held on the fourth Tuesday of March, April and May at the Olivia American Legion.

This is not a church service of any kind, and is open to all. There is no cost to attend, and the Legion will have their grill fired up for those who wish to order food.

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



- GOOD GRIEF – Renville County Hospice is sponsoring the annual grief support group beginning April 1. Fliers are available on the Comm. Board.
- The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra will present “On Eagle’s Wings: Psalms for the Soul” at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at St. Andrews Catholic Church, 101 First Ave. N. in Fairfax, MN.

## John 13:1-17

**Key Verses:** “Jesus said, ‘So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’” John 13:14-15

**Time:** 33 CE

**Background:** It was customary for a servant in a hosting household to wash the feet of traveling guests before a meal. It would have been highly unusual for Jesus to take the role of servant, washing the feet of his disciples. In John’s gospel, the foot washing became the central event at Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. The meal became much more a teaching event, where the disciples were invited to learn more about their role in the world after Jesus was to leave them.

Peter didn’t understand what Jesus was doing and didn’t want to take part in this reversal of roles. He did, however, want his share, and was willing to go to any length to get it. Thankfully, Jesus did not need for them to understand fully. He just asked that they participate, listen, and learn.

**Community:** How have you and others in your community fallen into your roles? When and how have you questioned those roles? Is it time for a change?

**At Home:** When was the last time you served another? When did you last allow someone to serve you? Since giving and receiving can bless both parties, find opportunities to do both this week.

### Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 17, *The Woman Caught in Adultery*, John 7:53-8:11

Tuesday, Mar 18, *Jesus the Light of the World*, John 8:12-20

Wednesday, Mar 19, *Jesus Foretells His Death*, John 8:21-30

Thursday, Mar 20, *True Disciples*, John 8:31-38

Friday, Mar 21, *Jesus and Abraham*, John 8:39-59

Saturday, Mar 22, *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*, John 10:22-42

**Next Week:** Sunday, Mar 23, *Peter’s Denial*, John 18:12-27

MARCH 16, 2014

# taking GOD'S STORY home



## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you. – John 13:14-15 (CEV)

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Servant King, what we see and hear in you is a unity of Word and action. You not only tell us how to serve, you also show us. Live always in our hearts, so we too might show loving unity in what we say and what we do. Amen.

## A BLESSING TO SHARE

*Mark another person's forehead with the sign of the cross as you say this Lenten blessing:*

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return, secure in the promises of Baptism, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

If you have ever undertaken a shape-up or slim-down regimen to improve your health, you have some sense of what the season of Lent is about. Establishing habit and practice is key. According to Jesus, loving service is important for healthy faith. He makes such serving visible as he washes the disciples' feet.

Lent is a season for the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions! The question to ask as you read each daily passage is: *How am I being invited to practice my faith?*

Sunday	John 13:1-17	Foot washing as a sign of Jesus' love
Monday	Genesis 41:1-57	Joseph proposes a plan
Tuesday	Genesis 48:8-16	Jacob blesses Joseph's sons
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	The essence of God's Law
Thursday	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus teaches how to pray
Friday	John 3:1-16	Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus
Saturday	Acts 4:32-37	Practices of the early believers
Sunday	John 18:12-27	Jesus' trial and Peter's denial

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

In the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, Jesus doesn't do some run-of-the-mill act of service. He performs the humble and dirty job of washing the feet of his friends, feet that had walked miles on dusty roads. And Jesus does so with love. Think about the basic, daily chores you have to do. Discuss: *How might thinking of household chores as ways of showing love change the way you do them?*

## DEVOTIONS

Shape your time of devotion and prayer 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 question in "Caring Conversations."
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

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

## SERVICE

What are the chores or jobs that no one wants to do in your household? Volunteer to take on one of these "worst jobs" for the next week, and try to think of it as performing a loving act of foot washing. How does this change in mindset affect the way you do the work?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus' teaching about foot washing takes place at the dinner table. This meal includes plenty of examples of the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions. How might you do more to include one of these keys in your mealtime traditions? Engage in caring conversation about the day? Say a prayer before or after eating? Take special care in serving one another with kind words and thoughtful manners? Create a ritual for thanking the person who prepared the food?



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



## Special Music for Holy Week



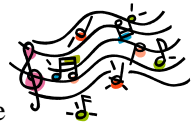
If you are considering providing special music, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below and submit it to the office no later than **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (HS and adults)	<b>Good Friday</b> (HS and adults)
<b>Apr 17 noon or 7:00pm</b>	<b>Apr 18 7:00pm</b>
<b>All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6</b>	<b>All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6</b>
Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:	Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title:
----- <b>It is a LEGAL copy?</b> YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO	----- <b>It is a LEGAL copy?</b> YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO
Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names:	Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names:
You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name:	You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name:
Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____	Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____
Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO	Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO
You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO	You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# Special Music for Easter



If you are considering providing special music, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below and submit it to the office no later than **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunrise Service</b> (HS and adults)	<b>Service</b> (HS and adults)
<b>Apr 20 6:30am</b>	<b>Apr 20 9:00am</b>
<b>All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6</b>	<b>All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6</b>
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