

At Cross of Calvary - Week of March 30

TABLE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we fall short in so many ways. We are not yet the people we want to become. Like Peter we want so badly to be faithful, but our fears and anxieties take hold of us. Give us a sense of your redeeming love that has come into the world in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who sets things right again. 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
Alex Jacobs	<i>B Nelson</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Joan Budd	<i>S Alton</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For soup and fellowship!

VOLUNTEERS for April

Communion 8:30—K Larson 10:30—M Jensen

Ushers 8:30 —R&L Fahse, C Mallak, E Skeie

10:30— E&S Whited

Altar Guild V Wertish, M Hanson, K Brown

Acolytes D Gluesing, J Newville

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--

30 Sun	Worship Sun School Baptism – Hank Larson Spring Fling Flower Sales begin	8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am 10:30am
Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids’ Choirs Soup Supper Confirmation Lent Worship Senior Choir	3:15-4:30pm 5:30-6:30pm 7:00pm 7pm TBD (watch your email)
Thurs	Breakfast Club Quilters	7:07pm 9:00am
Sat	Set up for Ham Dinner Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship NO Sun School Ham Dinner Confirm Holy Week special music with Pastor or Laurie	8:30 & 10:30am

COMMUNION – Every week during the Lenten season

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



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.



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 6th.

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

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 24
- Interested in a gathering meal this year? Please contact Laurie

The summer schedule will begin Thursday, May 22. The fall schedule will resume Saturday, Sept. 6.



--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.

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.

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.

SPRING FLING Flower sales are here!!!


March 30 - April 19th.

Use the form on the back page to make your order. If you'd like to designate it to a certain youth, please give the order and the money directly to that youth so they get credit for it. If you've no preference, just leave it in the mailbox of Sue Erickson or Cheryl Mallak, or hand it to Laurie when she's in the office and it will go to the National Gathering Group account. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, May 9th from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

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



- 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.
- Free Seminar – “Unveiling of Tinnitus” (ringing/buzzing in the ears) Olivia Library, Saturday, Apr. 5, at 1pm. Info on the Comm. Board



Tuesday, April 22
7pm to 9pm
American Legion
Olivia

The March event was tons of fun! Join us next time for this exciting opportunity to have fellowship with others who enjoy faith filled music! Sing along, or just listen...it's all good!

The next *Happy Hour Hymns* will be held on the **fourth Tuesdays** of 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.

John 18:28-40

Key Verses: “Pilate asked [Jesus], ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’” John 18:37-38a

Time: 33 CE

Background: The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus, but didn’t want to get their hands dirty. Instead, they brought him to Pilate, who ruled under Rome, in the hopes that Rome would have some law by which to kill him. Pilate’s conversations with Jesus were intended to uncover something that he could use against him.

Although Jesus had plenty of truth to speak to defend himself against the accusations, he knew it was his time to die. He said little, while his accusers continued to speak lies.

Community: Whose voices do people listen to today? What gives those voices credibility? Who holds those voices accountable for what they say? How might you listen with different ears so that you can better discern fact from fiction?

At Home: How closely do you follow Jesus’ words in your day to day life? Choose one favorite Bible verse to carry with you this week, and spend time with those words several times throughout each day.

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 31, *The Unbelief of the People*, John 12:36-43

Tuesday, Apr 1, *Summary of Jesus’ Teaching*, John 12:44-50

Wednesday, Apr 2, *Jesus Foretells His Betrayal*, John 13:21-30

Thursday, Apr 3, *The New Commandment*, John 13:31-35

Friday, Apr 4, *Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial*, John 13:36-38

Saturday, Apr 5, *Jesus the Way to the Father*, John 14:1-14

Next Week: Sunday, Apr 6, *Jesus Condemned*, John 19:1-16a

MARCH 30, 2014

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"You are saying that I am a king," Jesus told him. "I was born into this world to tell about the truth. And everyone who belongs to the truth knows my voice." – John 18:37 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, the Bible says you are our Lord and King. But you do not look like any king we know. You do not live in a royal palace and have no royal robes or crown. You have no military, no piles of gold and gems. Could it be you are a king the world did not expect? Could it be you are a servant king? Help us to be loyal subjects, to hear your Word, and to live it. 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

In this week's Sunday reading we hear Pontius Pilate wrestle with the accusation that Jesus is a king. This is a good question for us to wrestle with, too.

Lent is a season for the 4 Keys for Practicing Faith—Caring Conversations, Devotions Service, Rituals and Traditions! After you read each passage, pause a moment to think about these questions: *How might regular practice of the 4 Keys help me express loyalty to my King? What kind of king does this reading reveal?*

Sunday	John 18:28-40	Jesus' kingdom not of this world.
Monday	Psalms 72:1-7	A king like rain on mown grass
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:2-7	A prince of peace
Wednesday	Isaiah 11:1-9	Like a shoot from a dead stump
Thursday	Psalms 45:6-7	A lover of righteousness
Friday	Psalms 103:11-22	A king of compassion
Saturday	John 18:12-27	Jesus before the High Priest
Sunday	John 19:1-16a	We have no king but Caesar

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Pontius Pilate wrestled with the accusation that Jesus is a king. This claim of kingship would have been troubling to Pilate and the Roman authorities who had conquered the area around Jerusalem in the name of Caesar, the Emperor in Rome. There cannot be two kings! It's the same for us today too, isn't it? Talk about the times when it is hard to follow Jesus as your king: *Which of Jesus' teachings do you find most challenging? What does daily devotion to King Jesus look like?*

DEVOTIONS

Guide your devotions with the following 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 do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

How successful have you been in gathering everyone in your household for devotions? If you are alone, how might you include other people in your time of devotions?

SERVICE

Have you been participating in a special offering or serving project during Lent? If so, how's it going? Take a moment to reflect on the description of the king in Psalm 72:6 (CEV): "Let him be as helpful as rain that refreshes the meadows and the ground." Think about the needs you see around you as the ground. Think about your gifts and talents as rain, and imagine them refreshing this hardened ground. How can you bring this picture to life?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In many congregations oil or lotion is used during baptism to *chrismate*, or anoint, the one being baptized. This anointing is like the one a king in Bible times received at the start of his reign. It is a sign of blessing and joy. Make sure your daily ritual includes blessing and being blessed as a reminder of your baptismal anointing.



Go to 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 6th**.

NAME _____ Cell/Home phone _____

Maundy Thursday (HS and adults)	Good Friday (HS and adults)
Apr 17 noon or 7:00pm	Apr 18 7:00pm
All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6	All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6
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:
----- It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO	----- It is a LEGAL copy? 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 6th**.

NAME _____ Cell/Home phone _____

Sunrise Service (HS and adults)	Service (HS and adults)
Apr 20 6:30am	Apr 20 9:00am
All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6	All arrangements must be must be COMPLETED by – Apr 6
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:
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**Cross of Calvary Youth
Spring Plant Sale
2014**

Buyer Name _____

Phone _____

Youth Seller _____

Hanging Baskets - \$20.00 each

For Sunny Spots

Ivy Geranium Number _____

Red _____

Pink _____

Lavender _____

Wave Petunia

Light Pink _____

Dark Pink _____

Dark Purple _____

Pansies

Mixed Colors _____

For Shady Spots

Impatiens Number _____

Red _____

Pink _____

Violet _____

Begonias

Pink _____

Orange _____

Yellow _____

Red _____

Fushia

Bi-color _____

Potted Geraniums

8" Potted Geranium - \$15.00

Red _____

Pink _____

Lavendar _____

12" Potted Geranium - \$25.00

Red _____

Pink _____

Lavendar _____

Orders can be picked up on:

Fri. May 9, 4:30-7:30 pm

Sat. May 10, 8-10 a.m.

Or make arrangements w/seller

No. of plants _____

Total \$'s _____

Total Hanging Baskets X \$20

Total 8" pots X \$15

Total 12" pots X \$25

Total plants & \$'s