

April  
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE FOLLOWER



## Pastor's Corner

During the our second midweek Lenten service I asked the congregation to come up with some of the qualities of their favorite teacher. This is what they came up with: taught by example, patience, pushed me, believed in me, caring, interesting, sense of humor, understanding, encouraging, and spiritual. The next question was how many items on this list could be applied to Jesus. Without exception, every single descriptor was one we all felt we could use to describe Jesus. And, I would have to agree that every single one of these descriptions is very accurate of Jesus—you can find biblical backing for each one!

However, in looking at the list there are some that, at least on initial glance, seem to jump out as contradicting each other. The most obvious in my eyes is "pushed me" and "caring." Now, pushing seems . . . well . . . pushy, and being pushy doesn't necessarily equate in our world with being caring. Because, let's face it, when we are pushed we aren't comfortable . And if we aren't comfortable, whoever or whatever is making us uncomfortable must not care. But, are they really opposites, "pushing" and "caring?" I would like to suggest that to push someone is to care about someone. When we care we want growth. Without growth there is decay and mold, After all, aren't we serve a living (growing) God. In order to get that growth we need to be pushed, even to the point of being uncomfortable. What is it that makes

muscles grow larger? Scar tissue. Scar tissue from muscles that have been pushed. If muscles aren't pushed what happens? Atrophy? They start to wither—no growth.

But just being pushed is not enough and is just plain nonproductive if it is not accompanied by the other traits—encouraging, understanding, sense of humor (because when we push ourselves we often times do silly things and look silly—laugh), patience, and believing in the person. As we push ourselves in our life of faith we don't do it alone we look to the person who has gone before us and goes with us—Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ cared and cares far too much for us not to push us. He is our teacher. We becomes not only his students, but his assistant and student teachers in one another's lives. As we teach we will be uncomfortable, but we are never alone. It is out of this pushing, and yes even receiving scars, that we grow and strengthen our faith in the grace of our teacher Jesus. May we follow his loving, caring, and pushing example as we go into a future filled with his promise!

God's blessings for a wonderful month of April! CHRIST HAS RISEN!!!! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!!!!!! I KNOW BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN HIM IN YOUR EYES!!!!

## Prayers

<b>Prayer for</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Prayer for</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
Jean Stadtherer	A Boen	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Joan Budd Trainor	S Alton	Margie Barber	<i>L Schultze</i>
Lyndon Abraham	D Abraham		

Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries



## 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

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## Volunteers

**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



**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](http://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*

*Avery Elizabeth Kopel*

*Parents: Zach Kopel & Courtney Tepfer*

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## 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.

**May FOLLOWER deadline is Apr 21**

**Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, Apr 29**

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.**

**Food Shelf Donations** – 40 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

### **ATTENDANCE**

March 5—136 9—199 12—76 16—244

**COMMUNION – Every Sunday during Lent**

When needing to borrow anything from church, please check in with the office.



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## 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](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.

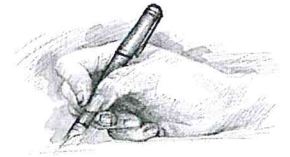
## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<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>		
<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

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# Council Minutes - March 19, 2014

Council approval pending.



The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

Members present: *Dave Altmann, DeeAnne Newville, Cindy Johnson, Natasha Johnson, Todd Gay, David Torgelson, Brian Boen, Keith Larson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen, Aaron Thompson*

Staff members present: *Matt Hausken, Laurie Schultze, Chelsey Plumley*

Guests Attended: Sarah Hausken, SWMN Synod

Devotions were led by Brian

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed.

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Michelle, seconded by Dave A, motion carried.*

Sarah Hausken shared the Synod's guidelines for the development of church policies on prevention of abuse of children and others. It was decided that the council members will read through the guidelines prior to the April meeting in preparation for discussion. The council will take the online training between the April and May meetings.

## **Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report - Todd**

The general fund is in good shape.

*A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Eric, seconded by Keith, motion carried.*

## **Pastor's Report-**

Lent is going well, and we are doing the Faith 5 on Wednesday nights. There is also a small group

of families meeting to learn how to do Faith 5 in their homes. The hope is to expand this ministry. Pastor continues his usual visits and Bible studies. With regard to sabbatical pulpit supply, Pastor contacted Pastor Bob Videll may be able to do the visitation ministry one day a week, and be on call. The other option is with Sue Engholm in Willmar. Laurie and Pastor will have solid schedule for sabbatical pulpit supply and visitation.

## **Minister of Faith Formation's Report-**

Chelsey listed the activities that are wrapping up this spring. Summer camp registration is looking good. WOW and Confirmation concludes at the end of April. A plan for an Urban Immersion trip is in the works.

**No reports from - Youth Ministry, Equipping the Congregation, Outreach**

## **Administration-**

Keith – The replacement floor tile has been installed in the parsonage basement and has been sealed. The entire floor needs to be waxed, and Keith will make those arrangements.

Dave A. – Herdina is scheduled to start soffit and fascia project early this spring.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Cub Scouts have opted to move to a new location.
- Constitution – The church constitution is in need of updating. Brian will work with Gordy Blem and George Tesch to adapt the Synod Model Constitution to fit

the needs of Cross of Calvary. Laurie will get Brian the materials and Synod contacts necessary to begin.

- Paul Hoffman Seminar update – Laurie provided the proposal. Some discussion took place. Laurie and Pastor will check into options to reduce the cost.
- Sabbatical – Pastor and Laurie will finalize pulpit supply and visitation pastors before the April meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Election of Council secretary to complete the executive committee – Natasha nominated Michelle. No other nominations were made. Michelle was elected by a unanimous vote.
- Appointment of Council Recorder (1 year) Laurie was appointed as the Council recorder for 2014.
- Gustavus Representatives - Laurie will put a notice in the Follower that representatives to Gustavus are needed.
- Committee membership. Discussion took place regarding the woeful lack of membership on church committees. Laurie will put a notice in the Follower and the bulletins.
- April Council Duties - Communion at 8:30 Keith, 10:30 Michelle. Devotions - Dave A.
- Next Council meeting is Apr 23 at 8:00pm. Committee meetings are at 7:00pm.

## **Closed in prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Schultze, Council Recorder

**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.



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## THANK YOU

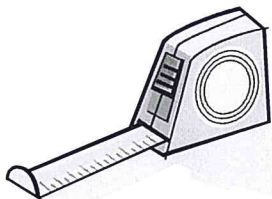
The Men's group thanks all those who donated, worked and enjoyed the Annual Spaghetti Supper. \$760 was raised, and \$300 was given from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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## Honey-do List

Might you be able to lend a hand with some of the following?

- Install mail slot/holder in office sidelight
- Hang Gideon card display
- Hang soap dispenser in kitchen
- Install a countertop in the Sacristy
- Install balcony glass walls
- Repair trim on shelf in office
- Stain and varnish Chancel area windows
- Repair/replace the flag pole rope
- Remove the projector shelf from the tech desk



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## 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.)

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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 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.

**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.**

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### Serving the Church.

The church committees are woefully short of membership. Please consider attending a committee meeting on April 23rd at 7pm.

Administration—oversees property and maintenance, technology and finance.

Equipping the Congregation—offer the congregation the opportunity and tools to serve one another.

Outreach—engaging new members and the unchurched, mission support, Christian education.

Youth Ministry—develop the youth calendar and assist in finding volunteers.

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**Gustavus Representatives** are needed. Please contact Pastor.

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### 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 Sun.  
- 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.

## Blessings

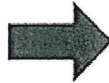
Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar are always welcome.



- 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.

**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.

Check the BOARD for OPENINGS



### 125th Anniversary Committee

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

**Spring Fling Flower Sales** begin March 30<sup>th</sup>.  
See a participating youth in grades 2-12

HAM DINNER is April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Tickets are available soon. \$8 for age ten and older, \$5 for kids.

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

April 2  
April 9 Men's Group

Easter lilies and mums are for sale.  
Look for the information in the Narthex.

## Birthdays



04/01 Ziesmer, Eleanor	04/11 Alton, Richard	04/24 Boen, Noah
04/01 Schlomann, Mark	04/14 Erickson, Katie	04/25 Youngkrantz, Joe
04/02 Larson, Keith	04/15 Johnson, Mitchell	04/25 Lingl, Timothy
04/02 Hennen, Jacob	04/16 Slagter, Kathy	04/25 Lingl, Tayler
04/03 Kubesh, Sandy	04/16 Flemming, Christine	04/25 Revier, Moira
04/03 Siems, Brody	04/16 Kemnitz, Beckett	04/26 Erickson, Howard
04/04 Berg, Colin	04/17 Vogt, Edith	04/27 Garcia, Elisha[V]
04/04 Amsden, Tanner	04/18 Beckler, Ronald	04/27 Weber, Camille
04/05 Hebrink, Carrie Jo	04/18 Mittelstadt, Annie	04/27 Larson, Eva
04/06 Jacobson, Terry	04/19 Johnson, Benjamin	04/27 Visser, Cole
04/07 Lund, Clare	04/21 Prokosch, Keely Jo	04/28 Wurm, Vonie
04/07 Bratsch, Darin	04/22 Hanson, William	04/28 Wertish, Naomi
04/08 Mertz, Josselyn	04/22 Tuthill, Drew	04/29 Van Der Hagen, Karen
04/09 Balderston, Benjamin	04/23 Abraham, Deloris	04/29 Johnson, Scott
04/09 Altmann, Lanie	04/23 Wertish, Joshua	04/29 Handt Jr., James
04/10 Iverson, Sarah	04/24 Senkyr, Carol	04/29 Helmer, Alen
04/10 Stovern, Brady	04/24 Wertish, Barb	04/29 Wussow, Eric
04/10 Helmer, Lane		04/30 Jandl, James

# C of C Youth NEWS

April

Spring has sprung at Cross of Calvary!

We're excited for growth and renewal. We are energized to get out to enjoy God's creation! As the buds begin sprouting, remember how wonderful and beautiful change can be.

## Grass! Flowers! Sun! Spring Fling Flower Sales

- start March 30<sup>th</sup>  
through April 14<sup>th</sup>



Packets will be e-mailed or can be picked up on Youth Board.

**Spring Fling Customers can pick up their orders on Friday, May 9 from 4:00-7:00 pm or Saturday, May 10 from 8-10am Dinner available Friday evening**

Orders can be turned into the church office or given to **Sue Erickson, Sandy Padrnos or Cheryl Mallak**

## Palm Sunday Breakfast April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

Workers and food donations needed! Check out the youth Board for information.

### Menu:

Sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee

### CHECK IT OUT

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – SPRING FLING flower sales begin
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – NO Sunday School – Ham Dinner –CLOCK – Cross of Calvary 6:10
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Make-up Confirmation Classes 6:00
- April 13<sup>th</sup> –Choirs sing PALM SUNDAY Breakfast 9:30
- April 16 – Urban Immersion registration deadline due
- April 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> – Girl's All Nighter
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Flower sales end
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Relay For Life meeting
- April 30<sup>th</sup> –Wed programs end
- May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – End of Year SS Celebration

## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
2014 Relay For Life Team Any 7-12 <sup>th</sup> graders interested!	April 27 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	Cross of Calvary	Relay For Life meeting This is our first meeting of the year. Time to get started and brainstorm what we want our team to look like this year!
7-12 <sup>th</sup> grades	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cross of Calvary	Urban Immersion service Retreat June 15 <sup>th</sup> we will be doing a half week service Retreat in Minneapolis. Registration due 16 <sup>th</sup>
WoW, choirs, Confirmation students	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cross of Calvary	Wednesday programs end today. Be ready for a Big Pizza Party Celebration! Thank you for an excellent year!
All Ladies grades 7-12	April 16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cross of Calvary	Girl's All Nighter We will begin with a delicious dinner, followed by service activities, worship, and lots of giggles. This is over Spring Break. Hope to see you!

Events for April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	2 WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 Lent Service 7pm 7pm Confirmation	3 Quilters 9:00	4	5 Set-up for Ham Dinner Worship 5:30
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ham Dinner NO Sunday School Worship 8:30 & 10:30	Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Girl Scouts Kitchen rsvd 3:00-5:30	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 Lent Service 7pm 7pm Confirmation	Quilters 9:00		Worship 5:30
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday Breakfast Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30	Matens 7:00am Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Matens 7:00am	No Wed. Programs NO WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 Matens 7:00am	Maundy Thursday Worship – Noon & 7pm Matens 7:00am	Good Friday Worship 7pm Matens 7:00am	NO Sat eve Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Worship 6:30 & 9:00 NO Sunday School	Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Committees 7pm, Council 8pm WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class	Dorcas Circle 9:30am		Worship 5:30
27	28	29	30			
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30	Ruth Circle 1:30 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm Reserved – FH, Rm5, Rm8 5:30-8:30	WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 5:45 Conf Meal.... 6:30 Conf Class			

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*God's work. Our hands.*

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**Sunday School Superintendent:** Jill Hanson

**Treasurer:** Curt Sather

### Facility Hours

Mon - Thurs 8:30 – 7:00  
Fri- Sun 8:30 – 2:00

Need access?

Craig 522-0266  
Laurie 522-1199

### Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30 - 4:30 Wed 8:30 - 7:30  
Friday 8:30 - 2:00