

# At Cross of Calvary - Week of April 13

## TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, in your Son's death, you have revealed your love to us. While we were still unlovable you made us lovable through your Son's sacrifice. Send us out to bear witness to your amazing love. Bless now 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
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
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Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the life of faith and service of Lyndon Abraham.

## 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.

thank  
you!

## --Calling to Your Attention--

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Sunday School</b> Palm Sunday Breakfast	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b>
Mon-Fri	Matens	7:00am
<b>Mon</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
<b>Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study Girl Scouts (kitchen)	6:15 & 7:00am 3:00-5:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	NO Wed Programming	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Services</b>	<b>Noon and 7:00pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Baptism – Carlin</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>6:30 &amp; 9:00am</b>

### April

29	Assemble the Follower	1:00pm
29	FH and classrooms reserved	5:30-8:30pm
30	Resume Wed Programming	

### May

03	Baptism / FH reserved	11:00-4:00pm
04	Baptism – Helin	8:30am
04	Baptism – Dahl	10:30am



### Volunteer... *Honey-Do* List

The church has a variety of maintenance and repair jobs to keep up with throughout the year. Do you have the know-how, the tools, the time? Check with Laurie if you'd like to volunteer for one or more of the following.

- Hang mail box on office door
- Connect downspout extensions
- Hang soap dispenser in kitchen
- Install a countertop in the Sacristy
- ~~Repair/replace the flag pole rope~~
- ~~Remove the projector shelf from the tech desk~~
- Install balcony glass walls
- ~~Tack trim back on shelves in office~~
- Stain and varnish interior of two Altar area windows
- ~~Hang Gideon card display~~



If you notice something that may need to be added to the *Honey-Do* list, please let Laurie know about it.



**Thursday Night Meal and Worship in the Summer.** Last summer, a light meal was served before worship. Organizing and setting up is a breeze, as there are great directions/notes from last year. Let Laurie know if you can take over this fellowship.



**HOPE to SEE YOU** at the Committee Meetings on Wed, Apr. 23, at 7pm.

**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.

**SPRING FLING** Flower sales through April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.



**125th Anniversary  
Committee**

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



## --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.

### **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.

### **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

**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.


### **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.

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



- FCA Pancake Breakfast – BOLD, Ag Shop, Apr 16, 6am-9am. Free will.
- Spaghetti Feed – Sunday, Apr 27, 10:30-1:30, Renville Comm. Center.
- Salad Luncheon – Thur, May 1. United Lutheran in Lake Lillian
- Pork Chop Dinner – Fri, May 2. United Lutheran in Lake Lillian
- Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir of Our Savior’s in Bird Island is looking ringers.



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.



## What Would You Trade?

31 March 2014

<http://gregghunterblog.com/trade/>

They say no parent ever regretted spending time with their kids. According to a recent study, parents have said they would give up

something that matters to them for a year just to have one extra hour a week with their kids. What were they willing to give up? The answers might surprise you, ranging from the Internet to coffee to their favorite TV show.

This same research said that of parents surveyed, more than 80 percent said that vacation provided great quality time as a family. Who was this survey conducted by? The Disney Company. Where do they want people to vacation? At a Disney theme park — a place with long lines, great expectations, enticements galore for children to ask/beg for “stuff” and many opportunities for familial tension over decisions and expenses.

Family camp experiences offer much in contrast. In particular, families who go to camp together experience quality time away from the distractions, the lines, the pressures of a theme park vacation. Family camps provides shared experiences, adventures, activities appropriate for every age, meals created especially for families and activities served up without the hassles of making more decisions. All of this in a setting that is unusually beautiful, in an environment where fun is built in and stress is squeezed out.

Any time spent with your children is valuable and memorable. At camp, families also have the bonus of connecting spiritually — hearing from God, worshiping together as a family and experiencing the grandeur of His creation.

Quality family time. Family camp time. That’s the power of camp!

*Sarah Hausken leads Family Camp at Shores of St. Andrew!!! Catch up with her and check out the possibilities this summer!!!*

## John 12:12-17, 19:16b-22

**Key Verse:** “So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!’” John 12:13

**Time:** 30 CE

**Background:** In John’s gospel, Jesus’ entry in Jerusalem was brief. The people gathered with palm branches and shouted “Hosanna!” They acknowledged Jesus as “King of Israel,” and he arrived on a young donkey to fulfill the scripture concerning the coming Messiah.

This adoration stood in stark contrast to the mocking Jesus received just a few chapters later, where Jesus was crucified with the inscription, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” By this time the people had turned on him and didn’t even want the inscription to imply that they had ever received him as their king. They no longer accepted him as their king, yet Pilate’s refusal to change the inscription wrote into history words that still hold true today. Jesus is truly the King.

**Community:** Who are treated as royalty in today’s society? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How might we shift our loyalties so that we praise and emulate Jesus more than those in the public spotlight?

**At Home:** What prevents you from fully bowing down to Jesus as king? What power over your own life do you cling to? What might happen if you relinquish power to Jesus?

### Read This Week:

Monday, Apr 14, *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:1-19

Tuesday, Apr 15, *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:20-26

Wednesday, Apr 16, *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*, John 18:1-11

Thursday, Apr 17, *Jesus’ Last Words*, John 19:23-30

Friday, Apr 18, *Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday, Apr 19, *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42

**Next Week:** Sunday, Apr 20, *Resurrection*, John 20:1-18

APRIL 13, 2014

# taking GOD'S STORY home



## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the Scriptures say, "People of Jerusalem, don't be afraid! Your King is now coming, and he is riding on a donkey." – John 12:14-15 (CEV)

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus, our Lord and King, even though the crowds greeted you as a conquering, royal hero, you came seated on a young donkey as a humble king, ready to serve. 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 today's Bible passage for Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This week, Christians around the world will journey with Jesus toward the cross and Easter's hope. The daily readings follow the story of Jesus' final week of earthly life.

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 this question: *How might regular practice of the 4 Keys help me express allegiance to Jesus Christ?*

Sunday	John 12:12-17	Palm Sunday: Blessed is the King of Israel
Monday	John 12:18-36	Jesus predicts his death
Tuesday	John 13:1-17	Jesus washes his disciples' feet
Wednesday	John 13:18-38	Jesus foretells betrayal and denial
Thursday	Matthew 26:17-56	Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper
Friday	John 18:12—19:42	Good Friday: Jesus' suffering and death
Saturday	Matthew 27:62-66	Guards at Jesus' tomb
Sunday	John 20:1-18	Easter: Jesus' resurrection



## CARING CONVERSATIONS

In the passage for Good Friday, we read: "When Jesus saw his mother and his favorite disciple with her, he said to his mother, 'This man is now your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'She is now your mother.' From then on, that disciple took her into his own home" (John 19:25-27, CEV). In this way, Jesus expands our understanding of family and household. Tell about someone who is not related to you by blood, but whom you love and care for "like family."

## DEVOTIONS

Shape your devotions 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 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

Many congregations will hold more worship services than usual this week. They may have worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and perhaps even Holy Saturday (Easter Eve or Vigil). It is likely your church would appreciate some help in preparing for worship, assisting in worship, and tidying up or delivering flowers afterward. Choose a way your household can serve in Holy Week worship.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One of the most traditional ways of observing Holy Week is by understanding all the worship services during Holy Week—from Palm Sunday through Saturday's Easter Vigil—as one really long service with pauses. How will you be part of this ancient tradition of worship and prayer? Which part of Holy Week worship could become a new tradition for you?



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

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 Hanging Baskets X \$20

Total 8" pots X \$15

Total 12" pots X \$25

**Total plants & \$'s** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$'s** \_\_\_\_\_

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