

May
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner



As I write this the weather has taken a wonderful turn for the better. Just five days after our largest storm of the year, and we are outside enjoying beautiful weather. God is good!!!! Now that we are on the homeward stretch to the unofficial end of the year (end of May), my thoughts are turning more toward my sabbatical this summer. With that in mind many of you have been wondering what I will be doing, and I am glad you've asked.

The focus of this time will be to develop a wellness ministry here at Cross of Calvary. This focus will have three main areas—spiritual, physical, and emotional wellness. God has created us and given us the task of taking care of ourselves in these areas, so we can go out and serve to the best of our abilities.

For years the church has focused very well on spiritual wellness. We would like to celebrate that and enhance that for the 21st century. We have not done such a great job focusing in on physical and emotional wellness. I am not sure of the factors behind this and, truth be told,

they aren't important. What is important is that we start working towards ways we, as a church, can teach individuals to faithfully manage these areas of their life.

How will all this look? That is a great question and it will be the focus of my sabbatical. How can we put all three areas together to become the faithful servants that God intends for us to be? This is an exciting time, and there are many opportunities to explore and to work together. It is something that I truly think will enhance our ministry here and Cross of Calvary and in the larger community in amazing ways.

Please feel free to ask any and all questions you may have!!!! I would be happy to answer them, and it would be a huge help to me as I work on this sabbatical. God's blessings for a wonderful month of May!!!!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Vonna Ledebor	<i>M Hausken</i>	Athena Serbus-Kruger	<i>S Grasmon</i>
Mike Bruns	<i>R Elbert</i>	Ginny Faiman	<i>E Julius</i>
Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>		
Leanne Miller	<i>S Grasmon</i>		



Worship (through May 17)

Sunday morning 8:30 & 10:30am
Saturday evening 5:30pm

Summer Worship (begins May 18)

Sunday Morning 9:00am
Thursday evening 6:30pm

Sunday School 9:30-10:20am

(Last day is May 11)

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes

Volunteers

Communion 8:30—T Gay 10:30—Dave A
Ushers 8:30/ 9:00 —N Cole, D/D Knutson, C Buhr
10:30— D Torgelson, D/K Flokm
Altar Guild V Wertish, M Hanson, K Brown
Acolytes M Revier, T Lingl

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.

New Members

are welcomed anytime. Please contact Pastor or Laurie

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.

June/July FOLLOWER deadline is May 19

Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, May 27

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Wed. by noon.

Food Shelf Donations – 11 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

Communion – May 4, 18

Average Attendance

March	214
Ash Wed	136
Lent Wednesdays	72

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 large-print order of service is often found in the display rack
- We are no longer accepting used printer or toner cartridges.

Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar

- 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 or on Thursday in the summer.



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
- Install balcony glass walls
- 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. Please include your name on the request, so clarifying questions may be asked and/or additional information shared.

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.

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



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 May 27 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.

BIRTHDAYS



05/10	Wogen, Jan	05/10	Johnson, Brittany
05/10	Johnson, Olivia	05/10	Stovern, Abby
05/11	Faiman, Ginny	05/12	Whited, Benjamin
05/12	Brustuen, Lori	05/13	Holland, Katy
05/13	Dale, Kelsey	05/13	Johnson, Daniel
05/13	Hennen, Betsy	05/14	Fliflet, Amy
05/14	Flemming, Carla	05/14	Johnson, Bernie
05/15	Blem, Gordy	05/15	Iverson, Emily
05/15	Boen, Dana	05/16	Flom, Karen
05/16	Amsden, Andrew	05/18	Perkins, Madison
05/18	Kopel, Bill	05/19	Schnobrich, Dotty
05/18	Holland, Kole	05/20	Johnson, Gavin
05/19	Wallert, Alma	05/21	Stratton, Ava
05/20	Gross, Sadie	05/21	Siems, Sheila
05/21	Schlomann, Kyle	05/22	Thorpe, Amber
05/22	Sullivan, Matthew	05/24	Jimenez, Amarii
05/24	Schultze, Dennis	05/25	Elfering, Casey
05/25	Elfering, Casey	05/26	Sigurdson, Carly
05/26	Sunvold, Cody	05/27	Hebrink, Jackson
05/27	Walberg, Laura	05/27	Mathison, Terry
05/27	Mathison, Terry	05/28	Grasmon, Sonia
05/28	Johnson, Leah	05/28	Amsden, Tyler
05/28	Hausken, Leif	05/30	Johnson, Gracie
05/28	Johnson, Gracie	05/31	Vesterby, Peg
05/30	Vesterby, Peg	05/31	Meyer, Larry
05/31	Meyer, Larry	05/31	Bahl, Derrick
05/31	Bahl, Derrick		



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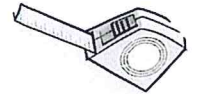
SW MN Synod Enews

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Welcome through Baptism
Hank Matthew Larson
Parents: Danielle and Matt Larson

Welcome through Baptism
Mackenzie Faith Carlin
Parents: Chelsey and Mike Carlin

Honey-do List



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

- Install mailbox on office door
- Hang soap dispenser in kitchen
- Install a countertop in the Sacristy
- Install balcony glass walls
- Stain and varnish new Altar area windows
- Add projector shelf to the Fellowship Hall lectern

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Spring Fling

Flower pick up – Meal – Rummage sale

Flower pick up Friday 4:30-7:30 PM

Meal available Friday evening only

and Saturday 8-10 AM.

Rummage sale added to this year's Spring Fling!

We need your stuff!

Do you have stuff piling up in your house/garage/basement?

We'd love to take it off your hands!

Contact Chelsey with questions. 522-3279

**We will take furniture, books, movies, knick knacks, kitchenware, holiday items etc, but NO CLOTHING please.

**Must have to the church by NOON May 8th.

CORRECTION

Outreach

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Did you know this

ELCA wide event takes place every year?????

How might Cross of Calvary do God’s Work??



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On **Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014**, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people.

Whether it’s 30,000 young people doing community volunteer work at an ELCA Youth Gathering, the passionate volunteers of the ELCA homeless ministry network or the devoted members of our congregations who fight for peace and justice in their communities every day, we are a church that boldly does God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities.



“When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God’s vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together,” says ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

“‘God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference. As you participate Sept. 7, 2014, in the dedicated day of service, may you witness the love of God, who knows and loves each one of us.”

- See more at:

<http://www.elca.org/dayofservice#sthash.8vkoX710.dpuf>

C of C Youth NEWS

May

What a year it has been!

As another year of programs ends, I am filled up with the memories from the last year. What a blessing to watch these awesome kids grow! A warm and joyous summer to you all!

CHECK IT OUT

- May 7th – Baccalaureate
7 pm – BOLD HS
- May 9th/10th Spring Fling
- May 11th – End of Year SS Celebration
- May 15th – LAST Breakfast Club – 7:07 at Chatterbox
- May 18th – Senior Recognition
CLOCK 6:10
Cross of Calvary
- June 15-18th – Urban Immersion service retreat
Minneapolis

Flowers! Sun! Sales!

Spring Fling Flower pick up, Meal, & Rummage sale

FLOWER PICK UP: Friday 4:30-7:30 and Saturday 8-10

Supper available Friday during pick up: Taco in a Bag, bar, beverage \$5

Rummage Sale both Friday and Saturday during pick up

We would love your stuff! Drop off before May 8th

NO CLOTHES PLEASE.

Contact Chelsev for drop off info

Congrats to our 2014 Seniors!

Taylor Fennern

Brea Grund

Brett Grund

Kayla Jansen

Baylie Kubesh

Turner Padrnos

Broderick Prokosch

Reese Prokosch

Carly Sigurdson

Louise Hed Dahl

Mallarie Steffel

Nathan Thomas

Haley Torkelson

Josh Wertish



May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the Sun shine warm upon your face.
The rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Irish Blessing

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
May 18 th	9:00 AM	Cross of Calvary	We are celebrating a new milestone in the lives of these 14 students. Come to congratulate and send off our C of C Seniors with a coffee hour in their honor and a special slideshow of their years here at Cross of Calvary.
May 11 th	9:30 AM	Cross of Calvary	Our AMAZING Sunday School year is coming to an end and what better way to say good bye than with a big celebration! Ages birth – 9 th grades. Join us for a carnival in the Sunday School hallway. Games, snacks, and prizes for all!

Events for May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
						Baptism 11:30 FH/Kit Reserved 9:30am-4:30pm Worship 5:30
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 8:30 Baptism – Helin Sunday School 9:30 10:30 Baptism – Dahl	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am			Spring Fling	Spring Fling Worship 5:30
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 10:30 Baptism – Maurer	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am			Rehearsal 5:30	Wedding (time TBD) Worship 5:30
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Recognition 9:00 9:00 Baptism – Fisher	Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Committees 7pm Council 8pm	Dorcas Circle 9:30am Worship 6:30pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 9:00	Ruth Circle 1:30 Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm		Worship 6:30pm		