

At Cross of Calvary - Week of June 8

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Honey-do list...doers!!

--Calling to Your Attention--

VOLUNTEERS

Communion 9:00—A Thompson

Ushers 9:00 — B Miller, M/E Iverson, C Hanson

Altar Guild N Hague, J Wogen, B Hennen

Thank
YOU!

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.

Sabbatical

Pastor's sabbatical runs from May 26th through August 1.

For emergencies during sabbatical, please contact

- Laurie – cell 320-522-1199
- Chelsey – cell 320-522-3279



Sun	Worship	9am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15, 7:00am
Wed	Bulletin information due by noon	
Thurs	Thursday Evening Worship	6:30pm
Sun	Worship	9am

June 16	Kitchen reserved	4-9pm
June 17	July/Aug Follower deadline	
June 18	Council	7pm
June 22	Shower / FH	11:30-4:30
June 24	Assemble the July/Aug Follower	1pm
July 03	No Thursday Evening Worship	
July 12 and 19	Showers / FH	
August 1	Pastor return from Sabbatical	



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:

- Connect downspout extensions
- Install a countertop in the Sacristy
- Install balcony glass walls
- Stain and varnish interior of two Altar area windows

If you notice something that may need to be added to the *Honey-Do* list, let Laurie know about it. Please include your name on the request, so clarifying questions may be asked and/or additional information shared.

--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.
- Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

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.
- Please contact Laurie ...even if you have mentioned it to Pastor
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month
- Names for the Follower must be submitted before the deadline date.

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)



- June 8 – Walk to End Alzheimer's Sunday Buffet in Renville
- June 12 - Ice Cream Social at Our Savior's in Bird Island
- June 18 – Swedlanda Lutheran Midsummer event SW of Hector
- Renville County Human Services is seeking foster parents.

Farewell Open House reception honoring Miho Takatsuki

Sunday, June 15

10:00am – 1:30pm

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

Miho has been an exchange student at BOLD High School this past year and will be returning to her family on Oosaka, Japan, on June 29th. All are welcome!
Hosted by Carol & Mark Ahlquist and Carole & Paul Buhr.

WE ARE Meals On Wheels

Sign up on the
BOARD



JUNE 8, 2014

taking
GOD'S STORY 
home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. – Acts 2:2 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, renew in me your Holy Spirit, the very breath of life. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark another person's forehead with the sign of the cross and blow gently on the top of his or her head before you give this Pentecost blessing:
Blow, Spirit, blow, and fill (name) with God's love and purpose. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Today is the Day of Pentecost, the beginning of a new church season. This day is sometimes called "the birthday of the church" because after the Day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus who were gathered together that day moved out from Jerusalem to proclaim the gospel message of God's love and to minister to people in need in Jesus' name. The events of the story recorded in Acts 2 are marked by a miraculous wind. As you read the Daily Bible Readings this week, note that Pentecost was not the first time God blew the breath of life into God's people! Identify what God's breath accomplished in each passage.

Whatever your age, you may enjoy reading the stories in these daily readings from a children's Bible or Bible storybook.

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The birthday of the church
Monday	Genesis 1:1-4	The wind of God
Tuesday	Genesis 2:4-7	God's breath of life
Wednesday	Genesis 8:1-5	Wind from God dries the flood
Thursday	Exodus 14:21-31	Wind from God parts the Red Sea
Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	God's breath revives dry bones
Saturday	John 20:19-22	Jesus' Spirit-filled breath

CARING CONVERSATIONS

The stories in the Daily Bible Readings tell of God's life-giving wind, spirit, or breath. Have you ever had a medical condition or illness that made it hard to breathe? If so, tell how this illness affected (or still affects) your daily activities. Discuss: *Why is the image of breath or wind a helpful way to think about God's life-giving power in human lives?*

DEVOTIONS

Celebrate Pentecost by gathering everyone in your household for devotions. The following basic pattern can be your guide:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of God's fiery Spirit. 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."

During the summer months, you may find that gathering outdoors for devotions is meaningful. Where in your yard or neighborhood might you enjoy a quiet moment with God and with one another? If you are alone, whom might you invite to share these outdoor devotions with you?

SERVICE

The readings this week speak of life-giving breath. What organizations in your area promote clean air and healthy lungs? Learn about their work and consider how you might support it. Or do an act of kindness for someone you know who has breathing difficulties.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Rituals and traditions are not necessarily serious or somber. This week's blessing (on the front) includes a playful suggestion to blow gently on the top of one another's heads as a reminder and sign of God's life-giving Spirit. How might a shared memory of this ritual playfulness be part of telling the story of how God's presence has been made known in your life?



Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities.

Acts 2:1-21

Key Verses: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:1-4

Time: 30 CE

Background: Pentecost means “fifty.” Originally, Jews would have gathered fifty days after Passover to celebrate the wheat harvest. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early believers.

The variety of languages to which the Holy Spirit revealed itself, and Peter’s quoting of the prophecy, in which men and women, young and old, slaves and free, all received the word, indicated how widespread the message was about to become.

Community: How do messages become widespread in today’s world? How can you use social media to spread the good news of Jesus to others?

At Home: What does the Holy Spirit want to say to you and through you? What can you do this week to open yourself to the Holy Spirit’s word?

Read This Week:

Monday, Jun 9, *Peter Speaks in Solomon’s Portico*, Acts 3:11-16

Tuesday, Jun 10, *Peter Speaks in Solomon’s Portico*, Acts 3:17-26

Wednesday, Jun 11, *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:1-12

Thursday, Jun 12, *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:13-22

Friday, Jun 13, *The Believers Pray for Boldness*, Acts 4:23-31

Saturday, Jun 14, *The Believers Share Their Possessions*, Acts 4:32-37