

July/August
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner - SABBATICAL

May 26 – August 1, 2014

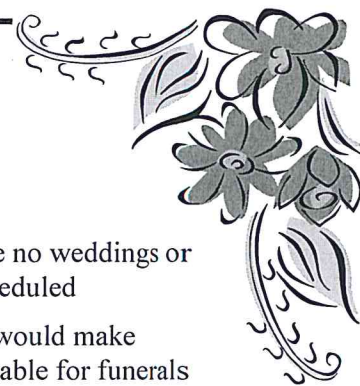
A ministry sabbatical is a period of time when ministry leaders and congregations set aside the leader's normal responsibilities for the purpose of rest and renewal toward sustained excellence in ministry. A sabbatical is not an extended vacation nor is it an academic sabbatical that normally involves extensive study.

Acknowledging that Pastor puts so much energy and time into the needs of our congregation, being available for 996 souls at all times, as well as having a family, the council approved a policy to allow for sabbatical. The council believes that offering a sabbatical will ultimately benefit the congregation in the return of a refreshed and energized ministry leader. The planning for a sabbatical this summer has been worked out. This includes:

- Communion Sun. – Pastor Kerry Selseth
- Non Communion Sun. – Lay leaders (Pastor Matt's sermons on the screen)
- Visitation – Pastor Kerry Selseth (shut-ins, Bible studies, emergency care).

- There will be no weddings or baptisms scheduled
- Pastor Matt would make himself available for funerals

Included in his time of renewal, Pastor has chosen to include researching and setting up a wellness ministry here at Cross of Calvary. "As a larger Christian church we have done a great job for centuries at focusing in on spiritual wellness. However, God has created us to be more than just spiritual beings. He has created us with a mind and a body. We are now being made aware through neurological advancements of the role that movement and diet play in how our brains function and how a healthy spiritual life feeds into this. I will spend 10 weeks integrating classes with reading, research, and practice. I would then apply this knowledge to designing age specific ministries at Cross of Calvary." In turn, these will tie in nicely with Faith Five practices.



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 Grasmom</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Alex Jacobs	<i>B Nelson</i>
Ginny Faيمان	<i>E Julius</i>	Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>
Wayne Harguth	<i>S Bratsch</i>	Joyce Lindgren	<i>S Alton</i>
Kathy Miller	<i>L Blem</i>	Charlie Scheider	<i>family</i>
Bethel Fahse	<i>M Hausken</i>	Alvina Beckman	<i>S Grasmom</i>
Jeff Jansen	<i>N Johnson</i>		



Summer Worship (begins May 18)

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

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes

Volunteers

JULY

Communion 9:00 C Johnson
Ushers 9:00 M Thiesse, C Erickson, R Marguth,
C Schroer
Altar Guild J Hanson, D Gluesing

AUGUST

Communion 9:00 N Johnson
Ushers 9:00 J Jandl, W Stucke, D Revier
Altar Guild S Larson, A Dietirch, S Iverson

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.



Sunday Volunteers Reminders for ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, technology and staff.

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

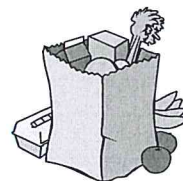
- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, leave a message on the church answering system.

September FOLLOWER deadline is Aug 13
(to prepare for a busy September)

Assemble the Follower at 1pm, Tues, Aug 19

Weekly Bulletin Deadline during the summer is Wed. by noon.

Food Shelf – 24 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*



Communion –

July 6, 17, 20
Aug 7, 10, 14, 17

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.



So, this is what Pastor Matt's Sabbathical is leading up to!!!



Family Comedy Night (and pillow fight!)

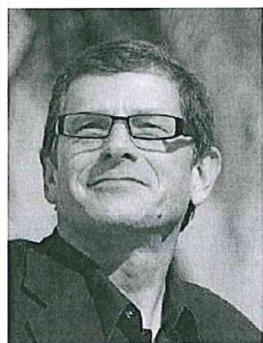
Saturday, Sept. 13, 6:30-8 PM

Cross of Calvary Lutheran, 1103 W Chestnut Ave.
Olivia, MN Find out more at www.faith5.org

You can have a stronger family in just 5 minutes a night. All parents AND kids in town are invited to this fun family event. It'll be 1/2 stand-up comedy, 12% practical parenting advice, and 100% just plain fun or your money back. (Oh yeah. It's free.) Bring a pillow for the pillow fight following the event and learn about the neurology, psychology, sociology and theology of combining exercise and fun with FAITH5 for maximum results. Seriously! Bring a pillow!

And it gets better and better...

Pastor Matt encourages as many members of Cross of Calvary to dive deeper into Faith5. Walk away with tools, energy, and faith in DOING ministry!! **NO FEE for CofC.**



FAITH5 Leadership Training

Saturday, Sept. 13
1 - 5 PM

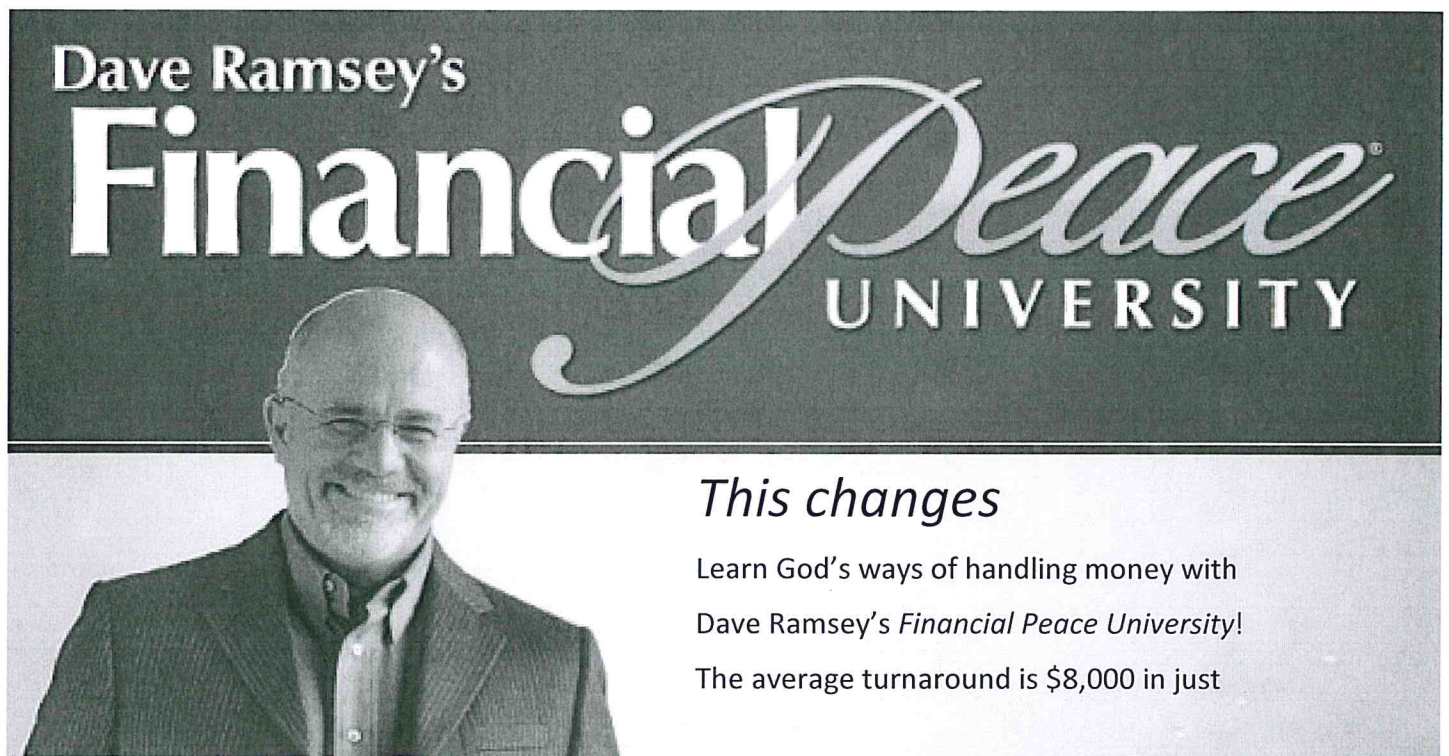
Train your team together at
Cross of Calvary Lutheran
1103 W Chestnut Ave.
Olivia, MN



Kick off the fall in a powerful way with your teachers and teams. Join Dr. Rich Melheim, creator of FAITH5 and author of "Holding Your Family Together" for an afternoon of exploring how this simple nightly ritual can transform your church one family at a time. In four hours Rich will give you step-by-step strategies to involve parents in family ministry from cradle to graduation. "We're looking for people with a passion for redesigning family ministry into families DOING ministry," says Rich. "Every week in every church and every night in every home."

Find out more and register at www.faith5.org
Or register with Laurie.

Also starting in September

The image is a promotional graphic for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. It features a dark green header with the text "Dave Ramsey's" in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "Financial" is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font, and "Peace" is in a large, white, cursive script font. Underneath "Peace", the word "UNIVERSITY" is in a smaller, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a black and white portrait of Dave Ramsey, a bald man with glasses, smiling, wearing a suit jacket over a collared shirt. Below the header and portrait, there is a light gray background with the text "This changes" in a black, italicized, serif font. Below that, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, is the text "Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University! The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just".

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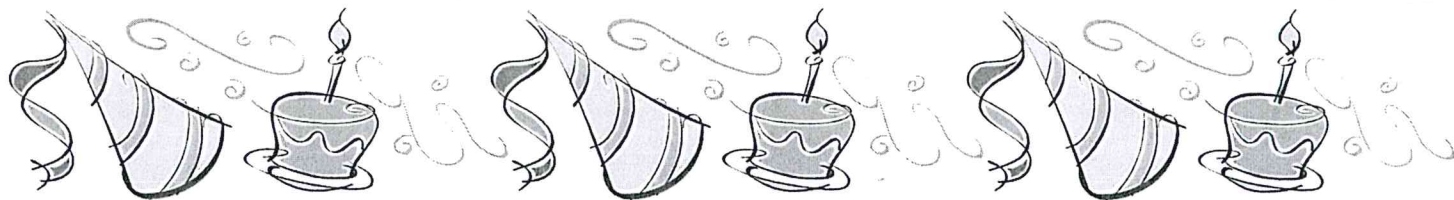
Learn God's ways of handling money with
Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*!
The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just

When: September 17, 2014 (9 week class)

Where: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Coordinators: Thomas & Alicia Osthus

Email: Thomas@rcthomas.com for more information



07/01	Evenson, Jenny	07/20	Helin, Halle	08/08	Kingery, Harper
07/01	Frank, Kyle	07/21	Hanson, Marlin	08/09	Baumgartner, LeeRoy
07/02	Page, Jim	07/21	Rock, Justin	08/09	Stratton, Jennifer
07/02	Kopel, Kris	07/22	Thompson, Lily	08/10	Aalderks, James
07/02	Fennern, Taylor	07/23	Revier, Dave	08/10	Hackmann, Jon Tae
07/03	Whited, Kevin	07/24	Boen, Chet	08/11	Iverson, Kevin
07/03	Amberg, Dan	07/25	Beckler, Shirley	08/12	Malecek, Sue
07/03	Grasmon, Sara	07/25	Lang, Elliot	08/13	Skeie, Jeni
07/05	Nelson, Ron	07/26	Bentley, Lloyd	08/13	Schultze-Karaus, Mary
07/05	Osthus, Tom	07/26	Hormann, Carol	08/13	Bratsch, Victoria
07/05	O'Neill, Barry	07/27	Serbus, Nicholas	08/13	Hackmann, David
07/05	Weibel, Sean	07/28	Wertish, Tara	08/14	Nelson, Ross
07/07	Oyama, Carrie	07/28	Thorpe, Cody	08/15	Feil, Sally
07/07	Aponte, Joseph	07/29	Woltjer, Gary	08/15	Haugen, Toni
07/07	Stratton, William	07/29	Flom, Duane	08/15	Beckler, Tina
07/08	Harrier, Karen	07/29	Hennen, Kellen	08/16	Dobmeier, Terry
07/08	Mertens, Trey	07/30	Herman, Marlin	08/16	Revier, Mark
07/09	Malecek, Amanda	07/30	Brown, Mike	08/16	Fennern, Morgan
07/09	Malvin, Amanda	07/30	Klinghagen, Bradley	08/16	Bratsch, Kristi
07/09	Weis, Heather	07/30	Kemnitz, Hallie	08/16	Gass, Rylan
07/09	Bratsch, Connor	07/30	Hennen, Samuel	08/17	Mittelstadt, Sarah
07/10	Senger-Dvorak, Michelle	07/30	Hennen, Luke	08/17	Mikosch, Josie
07/10	Flemming, Alisha	07/31	Aumer, Kathy	08/18	Johnson, Steve
07/12	Fahse, Matthew	07/31	Senger, Mary	08/19	Boehme, Isabelle
07/13	Phillips, Dick	07/31	Thompson, Aaron	08/19	Thompson, Emma
07/13	Hatch, Marilyn	08/01	Dale, Aimee	08/21	Siems, Brendon
07/13	Fure, Caty	08/02	Fostvedt, Belmer	08/22	Reese, Alison
07/15	Boen, Craig	08/02	Robideau, Jennifer	08/22	Kingery, Jennifer
07/15	Neubauer, Lara	08/02	Pietig, Alex	08/23	Boen, Angie
07/17	Bahl, Nathan	08/02	Adamski, Gio	08/23	Kemnitz, Taiten
07/18	Garcia, Cree[V]	08/02	Amberg, Tucker	08/24	Folkerts, Chuck
07/18	Honzay, Melissa	08/03	Mertz, Jeremy	08/24	Grasmon, Karen
07/18	Weis, Sutton	08/04	Person, Kenny	08/26	Iverson, Marc
07/19	Tesch, George	08/04	Gross, Corrine	08/27	Hennen, Shannon
07/19	Vesterby, Bob	08/04	Honzay, Cynthia	08/28	Maurice, Virgil
07/19	Hebrink, Skye	08/05	Kircher, Shirley	08/28	Rudolph, Ann
07/20	Visser, Shannon	08/07	Osthus, Rod	08/28	Hildahl, Hope
07/20	Johnson, Ryan	08/07	Schwer, Cyle	08/28	Ahl, Ryan
		08/07	Helmer, Regan	08/30	Hawkinson, Harry

Events for July 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	2 Bulletin info by noon	3 No Worship scheduled	4	5
6 Worship 9:00	7 Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	9 Bulletin info by noon	10 Worship 6:30pm	11	12 9:30-11:30 Bridal Shower
13 Worship 9:00	14 Kitchen reserved 4- 9pm Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	15 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Stingers Game and picnic	16 Bulletin info by noon	17 Worship 6:30pm	18	19 9:30 Bridal Shower – Krista Erickson
20 Worship 9:00	21 Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	22 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	23 Ecumenical Worship in the Park Bulletin info by noon	24 No Worship scheduled	25	26
27 Worship 9:00	28 Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	29 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	30 Bulletin info by noon	31 Worship 6:30pm		

Events for August 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 9:00 Vacation Bible School 6- 8:30pm (click for more info)	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm Vacation Bible School 6- 8:30pm (click for more info)	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Vacation Bible School 6- 8:30pm (click for more info)	Bulletin info by noon Vacation Bible School 6- 8:30pm (click for more info)	Vacation Bible School 6- 8:30pm (click for more info) NO Worship		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 9:00	September Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Bulletin info by noon	Worship 6:30pm		Confirmation Retreat for grade 10
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 9:00	Kitchen reserved 4- 9pm Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Bulletin info by noon	Worship 6:30pm	Wedding – Erickson 4pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 9:00	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Bulletin info by noon	Worship 6:30pm		Baptism 11am
31						
Worship 9:00						

C of C Youth NEWS

Summer time!!

I've always looked at summer as being a time of renewal; to kick back and savor the time with family and friends outdoors. I just can't seem to get enough! I hope you all find the same joy this season! We have some great programs coming up - see what fits into your relaxing and sun-shiny summer schedule!

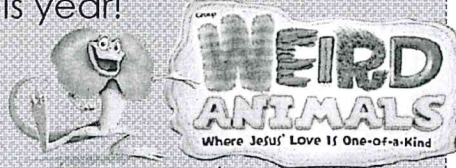
Who? 3yr olds - 6th grade

What? Learning about God's Kingdom in an exciting way through games, snacks, crafts, bible study, and music!

Where? Back at Cross of Calvary this year!

When? August 3-7th 6:00-8:30

How much? \$15 for the week



*Supper provided each night for an additional \$10 for the week

ANY volunteers to help create/paint/ items for VBS can come to our work nights every Wednesday June-July 6:30-8:30.

Stingers Baseball game

vs. Duluth Huskies



Included in cost of \$18:

* 1 General Admission ticket - ALL AGES

*All you can eat picnic an hour before (6-7pm) and fun!

*First 250 kids get a free bat!

**Bring the whole family, invite your friends!

CHECK IT OUT

• July - **Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30**

VBS worknight at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Bl

• July - **Every Monday in July- Summer Stretch**

• July 14 - hosting Summer Stretch

NEED VOLUNTEERS!

2 shifts - 8:30-12:00 or 12:00-3:30

• July 15 - 6 pm Willmar Stingers Game and picnic!

• August 3-7th VBS @ Cross of Calvary

Summer Stretch

A summer program for youth completing grades 6, 7, & 8

WHO: You and your friends who are completing Gr. 6-8

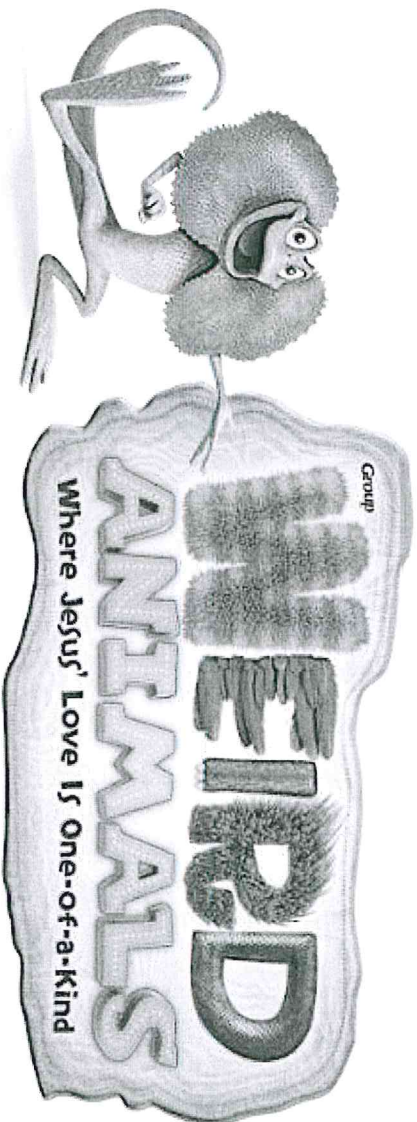
Chelsey is needing volunteers for July 14th from 8:30-12:00 and 12:00-3:30.

WHAT: First Word and service projects in the morning, with a fun, social community event in the afternoon!

WHEN: Mondays - July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8:30am-3:30pm.

WHERE: We will be meeting at the Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC) in Olivia and will be off site for most the day!

TOTAL COST: \$10 (Please bring a bag lunch)



2014 Vacation Bible School Registration

Our Savior's and Cross of Calvary Bible School

At Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church / Olivia, MN

Dates: Sunday August 3rd – Thursday August 7th / 6:00 -8:30 p.m.

Name: _____ T-shirt size _____

Street address: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Age: _____ Last grade completed: _____ Date of birth: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone # _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Cost of VBS - \$15 per child (T-shirt included)

****A light supper will offered at 5:30 for an additional \$10 (for the week)**

Supper Yes or No

Registration due by **July 23rd 2014** - Walk-in registrations welcome

Scholarships available upon request.

Any questions concerning registration please call:

Chelsey Plumley at Cross of Calvary 320-523-1574, or Jayme Ryan at OSLC at 320-365-3996

VBS

August 3-7th

6:00-8:30 pm

New things with our Vacation Bible School this year!

Check out the new and exciting **changes** to our summer VBS for 2014!

REGISTRATION FORM due July 23rd.

***Interested in helping? Let Chelsey or Jill know. Conf. students = elements!**

Who? 3yr olds – 6th grade

What? Learning about God's Kingdom in an exciting way through games, snacks, crafts, bible study, and music!

Where? Cross of Calvary, Olivia MN

How much? \$15 for the week

*Supper provided each night before VBS for an additional \$10 for the week

*Scholarships available upon request

Please contact Chelsey will any questions or concerns. 522-3279