

Sept 7	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Council Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15, 7am
Wed	First Communion Class	3:15-4:30
	WOW	3:15-4:30
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45/6:00pm
Fri	Faith 5 - Adults Body/Brain	7-9pm
Sat	Faith 5 – For Cross of Calvary	8:30-11am
	Faith 5 – Go Deeper	1-5pm
	Worship	5:30pm
	Baptism – Sues	5:30pm
	Faith 5 Family Comedy Night	6:30-8pm
Sun	Worship	8:30/10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Baptism – Bruns	10:30pm



- September 15 October Follower information due
- September 16 Office closed – staff at Synod meetings
- September 17 Dave Ramsey course begins
- September 20 Wedding – off site
- September 23 Assemble the Follower at 1pm
- September 25 Dorcas Circle at 9:30am

Communion - Sept. 7 and 21

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – S Whited 10:30 – A Thompson
- Altar Guild** M Klinghagen, B Wertish
- Ushers** 8:30 - M/J Grund, D Gross, B Slagter
- 10:30 - D Senger, D Steffel



PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Eva Klase	<i>T Kadelbach</i>	Joyce Lindgren	<i>S Alton</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>		

- Paraguay Missionaries – The Kevin and Rebekah Howell family
- Bolivia Missionaries – Paul and Jay Mikaelson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING New beginnings...like school!

NEEDED for the Faith Five Events

VOLUNTEERS sign up sheets are on the BOARD

- Welcome and Registration Table
- Product Table (assist with sales of materials)
- Set up and Take Down (1/2 hour)

FOOD DONATIONS tear off sheets are on the BOARD



FAITH 5 for the Adult Body & Brain

FREE

**Friday, Sept. 12, from 7pm-9pm
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W Chestnut Ave, Olivia**

- Specially designed for ADULTS of all ages - singles, couples without kids, empty nesters, widowed and couples that want to be "kid free" for just a bit (child care provided).
- Learn about the neurology/physiology of stress and how to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit.
- Discover how to begin sharing and praying together, at all stages of adulthood, even if it may feel out of your comfort zone.
- Be guided into a living, loving, learning, serving faith family who meets every week at church and includes each other's highs and lows every night in prayer?

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

FREE

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 ½ stand-up comedy, 12% practical parenting advice, and 100% JUST PLAIN FUN!! 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 maximum results.

Seriously, bring a pillow!



Faith 5

Designed just for
Cross of Calvary
Saturday, Sept. 13



- What does worship and education look like here... to
- Is how we engage our members meeting their r
- How can we enhance worship and transform education to look and feel differently, while maintaining our traditions?
- How might infusing *Faith 5* into the life of Cross of Calvary draw us closer together, and what might it offer those looking for a church home?

INVITED----

Anyone interested in affecting change and growth for our congregation.

Perhaps Sunday school teachers, Confirmation leaders, Bible study groups, women's groups, men's groups, youth leaders, or you're just plain interested in where you might fit????

8:30 Coffee, juice and rolls

9 - 11 Session with Dr. Rich Melheim

11:30 Stay for lunch!

1:00 Join the afternoon group to go even DEEPER



An Invitation to Go Deeper

(Parents, Pastors, Council, Youth and Family Leaders, Teachers, etc.)

What would happen to your church five years from today if the majority of your households were doing active listening, scripture, faith talk, prayer and blessings every night?



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

Members of Cross of Calvary

attend for **FREE**. Please let Laurie know to expect you...

320-522-1199 crossofcalvary@gmail.com

- 1:00 Rethinking Family Ministry as Families DOING Ministry every night in every home
- 2:30 Parenting, Family Development and the FAITH 5
- 3:00 Children's Ministry and the FAITH 5
- 4:00 Creating Cross+Gen Family Worship with FAITH 5
- 4:45 Getting Started (A plan to get you going this fall)

Worship and Bulletins

The order of worship is the larger, white handout. Please return it after Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 8:30 services for use at later services.

The bulletin (announcements) is the smaller, colored handout. Please take just one per family.

- Why?
- The order of service can be printed any time before the deadline for the bulletin.
 - Printing goes more quickly.
 - Less wear on the printer.
 - Less paper, less ink, less energy = greener!



Scrap/Craft/Quilt Retreat

Home Improvement

October 23-25, 2014
Thurs - Doors open at 5:30pm
Fri - 8AM to 10pm (or later)
Sat - 8AM to 7:30PM

Location: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN
Contact: Laurie Schultze—church office
Phone: 320-523-1574
Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com
Website: crossofcalvary.net

What to bring:

- Personal Crafting Supplies
- Task light, extension cord, multi-plugs
- Comfortable task chair (optional)
- Snacks to share—participants will contribute to the coffee shop snack supply (munchies, sweets, fruit, etc.)

- **Come and Go atmosphere** (according to your needs)
- **Breakfast & Lunch included on Friday & Saturday**
Meals are prepared for us, and each participant will be assigned a meal time to serve and clean up. Be sure to indicate when you will be here for meals.
- **“Solid Ground Coffee Shop” - coffee, tea, soda, water** (sweets and snacks shared among participants)
- **Prayer and Praise time**

Don't delay! Spaces fill up FAST!

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Type of craft _____

Arrival day _____ Est time _____

Departure day _____ Est. time _____

Preferred soft drink _____

____ I will help set up at 4:00 on Thurs

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:

Friday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch
Saturday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Note: Even if you think you may be here at meal time, check it.
What to do if you didn't check a meal, and you will be around at mealtime...eat with us! There's plenty! Really!!!

Registration and payment of **\$30**
is due by **October 9**

Please make checks payable to “Cross of Calvary.” Registration can be dropped off or mailed to the address above. Registration confirmation and follow-up information will be sent to you after your form and fees are received.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



- **A benefit for Jeff Jansen** will be held on September 14, from 11-2 at the Renville Community Center. Free will donation for brunch, silent auction, bake sale.
- **Olivia Cemetery Work Night** The Olivia Cemetery has scheduled a Work Night on **Monday, Sept 15th** from 3:00 pm until dark. To keep the costs at an absolute minimum for our community members the cemetery operates on a "shoestring budget" and receives no City or Government financing. In the desire to keep the grounds looking nice we welcome you to join us as we trim some trees, raise a few sunken markers and see what is needed to show honor for those buried in our cemetery. Questions can be directed to Gordy Blem at 523-1102. If you could give us an hour or so it would be much appreciated. If you can't help but desire to give a financial donation to the Perpetual Care fund for future upkeep it would be greatly treasured!! (The Olivia Cemetery is the east section and is separate from St. Aloysius Cemetery which is the west section)
- Our Savior's Annual Harvest Festival is Wed, Sept 17, from 4:30-7. 400 First Ave., Sacred Heart.
- Mystery Bus Tour on Sept 19th. Hosted by United Lutheran.
- **A fund raiser for Charlie Schneider** will be held on September 19, 2014 at the BOLD football field in Olivia. Prior to the homecoming game, hot sandwiches, calico beans, chips, pickles, cookies and a beverage will be served from 5 PM to start of game. Free will offering will be accepted. Theme baskets are available on a silent auction. T-shirts can be ordered at HomeTown Bank in Olivia or by calling Jean Hennen. Contact Jean Hennen 523-1713 or jhennenems@q.com to donate or volunteer.
- Renville County Senior Expo is September 23 at the Bird Island Ballroom

--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 (Thursday in the summer).

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.

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.

God's Story Your Story

September 7, 2014

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.
God of covenant, you promised Noah that you would never again destroy the world by flood. Remind us daily of your intense love for humanity, and help us to love as you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.
God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:12-13

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Humankind was wicked in Noah’s day. So wicked, in fact, God regretted having made human beings. So God made the decision to destroy humanity. But God loved the rest of God’s creation. God chose Noah to be the one to care for God’s creation while the rest of humanity suffered for its sin. Something changed in God, however, while Noah and his family were caring for the animals and vegetation on the ark. God decided to give humankind another chance through the descendants of Noah. When the flood ended and the water receded, God remembered Noah and his family. God placed a bow in the sky as a reminder to God that God promised never again to destroy humankind by flood for its wickedness.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday’s text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Follow the stories of Noah and his descendants as they lead up to the call of Abraham and God’s covenant with him.

Sunday, Genesis 6:16-22; 9:8-15, *Flood and Promise*

Monday, Genesis 9:18-28, *Noah and His Sons*

Tuesday, Genesis 10:1-14, *Nations Descended from Noah*

Wednesday, Genesis 10:15-32, *Nations Descended from Noah*

Thursday, Genesis 11:1-9, *The Tower of Babel*

Friday, Genesis 11:10-26, *Descendants of Shem*

Saturday, Genesis 11:27-32, *Descendants of Terah*

How did God’s promise to one man, Noah, become a promise to a nation?

How did the people respond to God’s second chance?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with “Highs” and “Lows.”

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **How does God’s covenant with Noah shape the relationship humanity has with God today? Where do you see God’s promises lived out in this world?**
- **How does God show up in your life? How and where do you connect with God?**

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God’s word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Donate time or money to a local animal shelter. Remember God’s covenant with Noah and God’s love and care for God’s creation, as Noah helped God save the animals from the flood.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who keeps promises, wash us in your word this day. Shine the light of your love in the darkest parts of our lives. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— "...Noah did all that God commanded him"—Genesis 6:22b

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK—*To be used in a variety of ways over the course of the week—first thing in the morning; before you go to bed; as an opening or closing to household devotion time (see reverse); etc.*

God of Promise—Noah wasn't a perfect human being. But he was a man who listened to you and believed what you promised. Help me to hear; to believe; and to rest in the peace of your promises. Amen.

A BLESSING TO SHARE—*A blessing can be a powerful ritual that reminds us of God's promises and presence, both through the words, as well as the touch that we share. This can be used as a "good-bye." It could be used as a bed-time blessing. Be creative in the way you bless and are blessed by the people in your life.*

As you mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, say,

"As God made a covenant promise to Noah through the waters of the Flood, so God has made a covenant promise to you in the waters of Baptism. Amen."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: What does Noah do when God speaks?*

Sunday	Genesis 6:16-22, 9:8-15	Noah and the Ark
Monday	Genesis 6:5-22	Noah and the Ark: how to build the ark
Tuesday	Genesis 7:1-5	Noah and the Ark: the animals
Wednesday	Genesis 7:6-24	Noah and the Ark: the flood
Thursday	Genesis 8:1-19	Noah and the Ark: the waters recede
Friday	Genesis 9:1-17	Noah and the Ark: God's promise to Noah
Saturday	Genesis 11:1-9	The Tower of Babel: God scatters human pride.
Sunday	Genesis 12:1-9	God chooses Abram.

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible like the Spark! Picture Bible (Augsburg Fortress) or The Jesus Storybook Bible (Zondervan). The Children's Illustrated Bible (New Leaf Press) is a good Bible for young readers that also includes nice illustrations and explanations. Often, you might find that the children's bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

CARING CONVERSATIONS—Each week, a topic for discussion is introduced that is connected to the weekly theme of Sunday's Bible reading. This topic can be used at any time during the week. But, it is by no means the only Caring Conversation you can have—try checking in with "Highs & Lows" (What was the best/worst part of your day?) or "God moments" (Where do you think you saw God's love active and present today?). The main point is to be on the look-out for opportunities to move your household's talk from the surface toward intimacy.

- What do you think about God's command to Noah to gather the animals? Do you think it tells us anything about God's care for creation? Do you think it tells US anything about OUR care for creation?
- The Bible does not say HOW God spoke to Noah. Talk about some of the ways you think God still speaks to us today. How do you think we can be sure?
- Find an on-line recording of the comedian Bill Cosby's version of Noah's Ark and listen to it together. Remembering, of course, that it's a creative version, what are some places where Cosby gets the story right?

DEVOTIONS—One way of thinking about devotions is as a continuation of our community's worship, or at least as a connection with it. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions:

- **Gathering Prayer**—Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray the PRAYER FOR THE WEEK from the front. This week's RITUAL & TRADITION suggestion could be used as a beginning refrain.
- **Caring Conversation**—Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the topic(s) suggested above. In households with smaller children, this piece of faith practice can even simply be reviewing the parts of the story—i.e., "Who did God tell to build an ark? Why? What did God say about the animals?" etc.
- **Daily Bible Reading**—Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?
- **Closing Ritual**—You might want to use A BLESSING TO SHARE from the front. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end or perhaps a closing song, either sung or recorded. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with YOUR household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bed time? Even if you don't have children in your household, or if you live alone, be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions.

SERVICE—SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Pick a place or an organization that cares for animals in your area. How can you help?

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—EVERY TIME you see a rainbow, talk about Noah and God's promises to Noah, to his family, and to you. EVERY TIME.