

*Flowers on the Altar celebrate the Baptism of Elijah Sues.
Flowers on the organ are placed by Joyce Limoges.*

Sept 14	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Baptism – Bruns	10:30pm
	Faith 5 with Rich Melheim	
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
	October Follower info due	
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15, 7am
	Office closed – staff at Synod meetings	
Wed	First Communion Class	3:15-4:30
	WOW	3:15-4:30
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45/6:00pm
	Financial Peace University	7:00pm
Sat	Wedding off-site	2:00pm
	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30/10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Girl Scouts	5-8:30pm



September 23 Assemble the Follower at 1pm
September 25 Dorcas Circle at 9:30am

Communion - Sept. 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>	Mary Ann Bently	<i>M Hausken</i>
Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>		

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

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!

--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.

You're Invited! 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Allen and Vonna Ledeboer. Enjoy cake and coffee on Sat, Sept. 20, 2-4pm at Master's.

Only 3 months away!!



As some of you may know, last year was our 19th Christmas Bazaar. A new committee will be taking over and will be hoping to fill the shoes of Bonnie Triplett, Mary Senger and Faye Johnson. Please, if you see these ladies, thank them for their time and effort – the bazaar funds have provided many needed items over the years!

There will be a few small changes, but we still need your delicious baked goods! Soups are also very popular, so please remember the bazaar this fall during soup season...

The new committee of Dana Boen, Cathy Helin, Sandy Gay and Kathy Altmann look forward to our 20th anniversary!! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months...

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



- **Sept. 14 - A benefit for Jeff Jansen:** 11-2 at the Renville Community Center. Free will donation for brunch, silent auction, bake sale.
- **Sept. 15 - Olivia Cemetery Work Night:** 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)

- **Sept. 17 - Our Savior's Annual Harvest Festival:** 4:30-7, Sacred Heart.
 - **Sept. 19 - Mystery Bus Tour** - Hosted by United Lutheran.
 - **Sept. 19 - A fund raiser for Charlie Schneider:** BOLD football field. Hot sandwiches, calico beans, chips, pickles, cookies and a beverage, 5 PM to start of game. Free will offering. Theme baskets are available on 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.
 - **Sept. 23 - Renville County Senior Expo:** Bird Island Ballroom.
- Sept. 28 – Renville United Methodist Church Ham Dinner:** 11am-1pm.

God's Story Your Story

Sept. 14, 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 blessing, you promised Abraham many things that seemed unlikely. Yet you remained faithful to every single promise. Give us hope that you will remain faithful to us, even when we are tempted to lose hope, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.
I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.
God promised Abraham land. Abraham was a nomad, a wanderer in the desert with few possessions. Land would have been an unlikely blessing. But throughout his life he continued to encounter kings and others who feared Abraham's God and gave him possessions and land to keep Abraham's God from punishing them. God promised Abraham descendants. Although he and his wife, Sarah, were old, and Sarah was barren, God gave them a baby,

Isaac. Through Isaac, a great nation was born. Nothing is too great for God to accomplish. God promised to bless Abraham so that Abraham would be a blessing to the world. Indeed, through Abraham's descendants King David, and then Jesus Christ came to this world. The whole world has been blessed through Abraham, as we continue to receive those blessings even today.

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

Follow the genealogy from Abraham to Joseph. See how God's covenant with Abraham continued throughout the generations.

Sunday, Genesis 12:1-9, *Call of Abraham*

Monday, Genesis 15:1-6, *God's Covenant with Abram*

Tuesday, Genesis 21:1-7, *The Birth of Isaac*

Wednesday, Genesis 25:19-28, *The Birth of Esau and Jacob*

Thursday, Genesis 35:16-26, *The Birth of Benjamin and Death of Rachel*

Friday, Genesis 37:1-11, *Joseph Dreams of Greatness*

Saturday, Genesis 37:12-36, *Joseph is Sold by His Brothers*

How did God use each of the men and women in these stories to carry out God's covenant with Abraham and with humankind?

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 is God's covenant with Abraham fulfilled today? If all humankind is now in covenant with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus, then how shall we treat one another? Where are you accepting of others? Where are you intolerant?**
- **How has God blessed you? What are you grateful for? Practicing gratitude is a holy practice. Do it often this week.**

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

God's blessings and promises are as numerous as the stars. Go outside at night and count the stars. Take notice of God's blessings in your life throughout the week.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who blesses others through us, through your word inspire us to live lives trusting in your promise. Amen.



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**

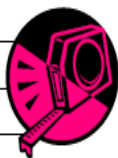
Don't delay! Spaces fill up FAST!

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.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— “The LORD said to Abram, ‘...In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed’”—
Genesis 9:3b.

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—The promise you made to Abram wasn't just for Abram and his family. You made promises to them so that the whole world would be blessed. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings in my life. Continue to call to me so that I may come to understand those blessings in such a way that others are blessed by you through me. In Jesus' name I pray. 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,

“You have been blessed to be a blessing to others. Amen.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*Filling in the gaps. The gap between the Sunday readings is quite large, spanning four generations from Abraham and Sarah to their son Isaac, their grandson Jacob, and their great-grandson Joseph. It may be sufficient simply to come away from this week's readings with knowledge of Abraham and Sarah's family tree. But in terms of “meaning,” there are also plenty of places where the promises God has made to Abraham and Sarah's family are in serious danger. Some guiding questions for this week's readings might be “How are God's promises threatened? How are they protected or renewed?”*

Sunday	Genesis 12:1-9	The call of Abram & Sarai (Abraham & Sarah)
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's promises renewed
Tuesday	Genesis 21:1-7	One promise fulfilled: the birth of Isaac
Wednesday	Genesis 27:1-45	The promise is stolen and passed on
Thursday	Genesis 28:10-22	God's promise renewed, in spite of Jacob
Friday	Genesis 33:1-11	Jacob and his brother are reconciled
Saturday	Genesis 37:1-36	Jacob and his sons
Sunday	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in Prison

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!

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CARING CONVERSATIONS—Each week, a topic for discussion is introduced that is connected to the weekly theme introduced by Sunday's Bible reading. This topic can be used at any time during the week. But it is not by any 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.

- The readings this week are all about the family of Abraham and Sarah. As a family, sit down and draw your family's tree. (You can find some simple templates and hints online for doing this.) What kind of stories can you share about some of the people on that tree? Are there any “God stories” you can tell about this family tree?
- When we meet the “Father and Mother” of this family, their names are “Abram” and “Sarai.” Eventually, God changes their names to “Abraham” and “Sarah.” Do you know what your names mean? Can you find out? How did you get your name and why?
- God makes and keeps God's promises with Abraham & Sarah and their family and gives them visible reminders of those promises. (“Count the stars if you can,” God tells Abram in Gen. 15:5.) Can you name any visible reminders of promises in your life? (Example—married people might point to their wedding rings.)

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**—This might include a lit candle; the PRAYER FOR THE WEEK from the front; or a suggestion from the RITUAL & TRADITION below.
- **Caring Conversation**—As suggested above, this could be as simple as a daily check in with each other or an extended conversation using the topic(s) suggested above.
- **Daily Bible Reading**—Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading? Households with small children might simply review the basics of the story read from an age-appropriate Bible.
- **Closing Ritual**—Some way of signaling the end: A BLESSING TO SHARE from the front; the Lord's Prayer; or a 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.

Sometimes Abraham's and Sarah's family is a MESS. What specific ways can you care for and serve your family this week?

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—Throughout the biblical story, God's promises are often passed on through some sort of ritual blessing. (This is what Jacob steals from his brother Esau in the Wednesday reading from Genesis 27.) **This week, focus on ways of blessing each other using the BLESSING TO SHARE from the front.**

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