

Sept 28	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
	Kettle Bells – FH	6:15pm
Tues	Kettle Bells – FH	5:30am
	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
	Financial Peace University	7:00pm
	Kettle Bells– Ed. Wing	7:40pm
Thurs	Kettle Bells – FH	5:30am
	Dorcas Circle	9:30am
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship	8:30/10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Golden Living Service	1:00pm



Communion - October 5, 19

Coming up in October

- 11 Baby Shower FH
- 12 Council Meeting (Sunday)
- 15 NO WOW or Confirmation
- 20 *Follower* deadline
- 22 NO WOW
- 22 Confirmation Banquet – grade 10 (serve – grades 8 and 9)
- 23 Dorcas Circle
- 23-25 Craft Retreat
- 26 Confirmation Service – grade 10
- 26 Altar Guild meeting
- 27 Ruth Circle
- 28 Assemble the *Follower* at 1pm
- 29 3rd Grade Bible class begins

November 2 - First Communion

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



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Communion 8:30 – D Newville 10:30 – D Altmann

Altar Guild E Ziesmer, E Vogt

Acolytes J Newville, E Larson

Ushers 8:30 - R/G Hagen, M/C Flemming
10:30 - S/L Johnson

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>	Betty Mowitt	<i>D Boen</i>

Paraguay Missionaries – The Kevin and Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries – Paul and Jay Mikaelson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Fall colors and beautiful weather!

CLICKERS?!?! How about you? Two or three new volunteers would be great! Training takes about 30 minutes, and for the first several times you click, a trained person is sitting with you. How often, and at which service, you'd like to volunteer is up to you. Give Laurie a call 320-523-1574.



Santa's Closet. It's never too early to be thinking of donating to Santa's Closet. While you are out and about, keep this ministry in mind. Keep an eye out for a drop off box in the entry way.

Confirmation Suppers. Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. More information and a sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.

--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.

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.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



- **Sept. 28 – Renville United Methodist Church Ham Dinner:** 11am-1pm.
- **Oct. 8 – Roast Beef Supper** at Faith United Methodist, Olivia, 5-7pm
- **Oct. 9 – Golden Living Center's Fall Bazaar.** 2:00-3:30pm. Donations to the bake sale, craft sale & cleaned items for the Farmer's Market welcomed.
- **Oct. 12/13 Dementia Education** at Willmar Evangelical Free Church.



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 Schultz—church office
Phone: 320-523-1574
Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com
Website: crossofcalvary.net

- **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**

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.)

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

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...

God's Story Your Story

September 28, 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 deliverance, with a magnificent display you freed your people from slavery in Egypt. Give us eyes to see your power in events both big and small, so that we will always know your presence in our lives, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still. Exodus 14:14

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

God's people, Israel, were slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. They prayed for deliverance. Finally, God heard and answered their prayers. God sent Moses to help free the people from slavery.

Once set free from Egypt, the people fled. But Pharaoh changed his mind, and set out after the people with the plan of bringing them back to Egypt. When the people came to the Red Sea, it appeared they were trapped. But God held Pharaoh's armies back with pillars of fire and cloud. Then God parted the sea with a strong east wind so that the dry land appeared, and the people crossed safely. God allowed Pharaoh's armies to follow, then clogged their chariot wheels to slow down their pursuit long enough to trap them in the seabed. Once trapped, God released the waters and the armies were drowned and washed away. God's people were truly free. God had delivered them from slavery.

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 God's continued faithfulness to the people, despite their complaining and lack of faith.

Sunday, Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29, *Rescue at Sea*

Monday, Exodus 15:1-21, *Songs of Moses and Miriam*

Tuesday, Exodus 15:22-27, *Bitter Water Made Sweet*

Wednesday, Exodus 16:1-21, *Bread from Heaven*

Thursday, Exodus 17:1-7, *Water from the Rock*

Friday, Exodus 17:8-16, *Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated*

Saturday, Exodus 18:13-27, *Jethro's Advice*

How did God respond to the people's requests and their complaining?

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?**
- **What is your community enslaved to? (technology, peer pressure, economy?) How might God deliver you and your community from enslavement to these things?**
- **How does God show up in your life? Where has God been faithful, despite your own lack of faith?**

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

Free yourself of one thing that entraps you this week. If you are a slave to your schedule, remove some events to make time for yourself and God. If you are a slave to your smartphone, turn it off for extended periods of time. What will you do with the freedom this practice offers?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who makes the wind and the waves, inspire our faith to stretch out our hands in obedience to your word. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you...”—Exodus 14:13.

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, Who Guides Our Paths—We might not have seen the kind of power on display at the shores of the Red Sea. But we have seen the kind of love you have displayed in Jesus. Help us to see your love in our lives. Help us to be that love for others. 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,

“God brought his people through the waters of the Red Sea, and God has brought you through the waters of Baptism. Amen.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*Filling in the gaps. This week our weekly readings invite us to travel with Moses and the Children of Israel out of Egypt and into the Wilderness. One of the points of Israel's wilderness wanderings is an invitation to see and to trust in God's love for them as they journey. The questions to ask of the readings this week might be, “What was needed by God's people? What did God provide? How did God provide it?”*

Sunday	Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29	Rescue at the Sea
Monday	Exodus 15:1-10, 20-21	Songs About the Red Sea
Tuesday	Exodus 15:22-27	Bitter Water Made Sweet
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-10	Bread from Heaven
Thursday	Exodus 16:11-36	Bread and Meat
Friday	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the Rock
Saturday	Exodus 18:13-27	Moses is Stretched Thin
Sunday	Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17	Covenant and Commandments

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 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.

- Using as many of your senses as you can, describe what you think the Rescue at the Red Sea was like.
- Go back and review in Exodus 1 how Pharaoh used water to kill. Can you describe how at the Red Sea God uses water to reverse what Pharaoh did so that the Children of Israel would live? Can you remember other Bible stories where God uses water to save his people?
- In Exodus 15, Moses and his sister Miriam sing songs about what happened at the Red Sea. If you were to write a song about what good things God does in your life with water, what would you include?

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.

Noah’s Ark (Genesis 6-9) and the Red Sea are the same “kind” of story. Because God is love, God uses water to cleanse or to give a new beginning. This week, can you think of ways of serving your household or community that might involve water or cleaning?

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—Many Christians see parallels between what God does with water in the Bible and what God is doing with water in Holy Baptism. One way of adding a “sensory” aspect to your household’s faith practice might be to have a small bowl of water present for your DEVOTIONS. (See above.) The **Gathering Prayer** and/or the **Closing Ritual** might be spots to include simple words like, “Remember you belong to God.”

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