

Oct 5	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Golden Living	1:00pm
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
	NO Kettle Bells	
Tues	NO Kettle Bells	
	Men's Bible Study	6:15, 7am
Wed	WOW	3:15-4:30
	NO Confirmation	
	Financial Peace University	7:00pm
	NO Kettle Bells	
Thurs	NO Kettle Bells	
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Baby Shower – FH	9am-noon
	Worship	8:30/10:30
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Council Meeting	7:00pm



Communion - October 19

Coming up in October

- 15 NO WOW or Confirmation or Kettlebells
- 16 No Kettlebells
- 20 *Follower* deadline
- 22 NO WOW or Kettlebells
- 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 at 7pm
- 27 Ruth Circle
- 28 Assemble the *Follower* at 1pm
- 29 3rd Grade Bible class begins

November 2 - First Communion

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – D Neville 10:30 – D Altmann
- Altar Guild** E Ziesmer, E Vogt
- Acolytes** J Neville, E Larson
- Ushers** 8:30 - R/G Hagen, J Dotson, J Johnston
- 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>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Betty Mowitt	<i>D Boen</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Kristin Luckey	<i>S Metteer</i>
Kensleigh Luckey	<i>S Metteer</i>		

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Fall activities.

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

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)



- **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.
- The food shelf is in desperate need of used plastic grocery bags. Drop them off at the food shelf, please.

*God's Story
Your Story*

October 5, 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 promise, you made a covenant with the people of Israel that you would be their God, and they would be your people. Teach us to obey your commands, so that as we live our lives in service to you, we might become closer to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me." Ex 20:2-3

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

The people of Israel had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years – many generations. They had forgotten how to govern themselves, as they had been ordered how to live by the Egyptians since birth. Many had likely learned to worship the Egyptian gods of their masters. When they were delivered from slavery in Egypt, they were like sheep without a shepherd.

God gave them what they needed first: deliverance, land (although temporary), shelter (they set up camp in the wilderness), and food (manna and quail). Next, God set out to teach them how to govern themselves under God's rule. God gave Moses Ten Commandments to bring to the people as basic tenants for living safely and peacefully. God's Ten Commandments were not restrictions as much as they were promises. In each commandment, God promises (explicitly or implicitly) safety, God's presence, prosperity, serenity, and long life.

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

Follow the story of how Joshua took Jericho after Moses' death. See how God led the Israelites during this time.

Sunday, Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17, *Covenant and Commandments*

Monday, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Moses Dies*

Tuesday, Joshua 1:1-9, *God's Commission to Joshua*

Wednesday, Joshua 2:1-21, *Spies Sent to Jericho*

Thursday, Joshua 3:1-17, *Israel Crosses the Jordan*

Friday, Joshua 6:1-14, *Jericho Taken and Destroyed*

Saturday, Joshua 6:15-27, *Jericho Destroyed and Rahab Spared*

How did God lead the Israelites, through Joshua, during this time of transition into the Promised Land? How did God keep God's promises?

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 gods are served in your community other than God (celebrities, money, progress, etc.)? Which gods fail to live up to their promises?**

- Which commandments do you find hardest to follow? What gets in your way of following God's laws?

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

Make a list of rules to be followed by yourself and others in your household that will help your household run smoothly. Post them where they can be seen. Reward yourself when you follow them.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

Precious Creator, in the reading of your word, make us a faithful people. Shape our lives to bring glory to your name. Amen.

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Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK— The LORD said to Moses, "...You shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. ...You shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation."—Exodus 19:5-6

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 Has Chosen Us—Because you are Love, you have chosen a people who point to you and your love. Mold us by your love. Shape us by your Word. In Jesus' name we 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 are God's treasured possession. Amen."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—*Filling in the gaps. We are skipping a whole book this week, the book of laws in Leviticus. But we are hopefully building a bridge between the Children of Israel's receiving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19 & 20) and their entry into the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership. It might be interesting to notice that no sooner had the Children of Israel been given the Law and Moses had returned to the top of the mountain, the Children of Israel seem to have abandoned the Commandments completely! Note as well, however, that God continues to be faithful to God's promises! Questions to ask of the text might be, "How do God's people abandon the commandments? How does God respond in faithfulness?"*

Sunday	Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17	Covenant and Commandments
Monday	Exodus 32:1-20	The Golden Calf
Tuesday	Numbers 13:1-32	Spies Sent into Canaan, the Promised Land
Wednesday	Numbers 14:1-24	Forty Years of Wandering
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:1-25	Teaching the Next Generation
Friday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	The Death of Moses, Joshua Becomes the Children of Israel's Leader
Saturday	Joshua 1:1-19	
Sunday	Joshua 6:1-16, 20	The Battle of Jericho
	Joshua 24:1-15	Joshua Renews the Covenant

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.

- A quick Google search should be able to locate a picture of the 10 Commandments. See if you can find one that shows 3 commandments on one table and 7 on the other. Can you talk about why that might be? Why not 5 on one and 5 on the other? What do you notice about the first 3 commandments and the remaining 7?
- In the New Testament, Jesus sums up the 10 Commandments like this: "Love God" and "Love your neighbor" (Matt. 22:34-40). Talk about how the commandments call us to love God and love our neighbors.
- Talk about which commandment is hardest for you and why. Which commandment comes easiest and why?

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.

The basic principle of SERVICE is founded on making God's great love for the world visible through our actions. Pick a commandment—i.e., the Fourth Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother." Talk about how that commandment might be connected to loving service this week. Then, do it.

RITUALS & TRADITIONS—This week, build into your weekly DEVOTION, some way of reciting and learning the Ten Commandments. For example, maybe your CARING CONVERSATION time is spent simply learning 2 commandments a day by heart.