

December
2014



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

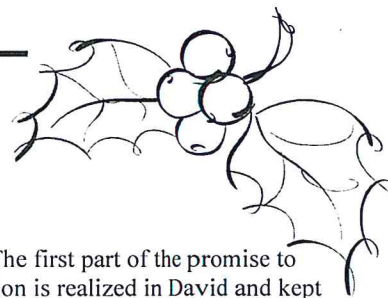
THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner

In church we are beginning our journey into the Gospel of Matthew. So, I thought that I would include a few thoughts for all of you as we begin looking at this Gospel. Among the Gospels it is the one that just seems to not get the same amount of attention as its fellow Gospels of Mark, Luke, and John. But, Matthew has some unique insights that shouldn't be forgotten. As with many things you can tell a lot by looking at the beginning of the Gospel. So, how exactly does Matthew start? It starts with a genealogy? WHAT?!?!?!? A genealogy?!?!?! Why? Those are tedious and boring to look through. What could that possibly have to tell us about the Gospel of Matthew? That it is tedious and boring to look through?

Short answer to this question is, no. A longer answer would be, we need to look at what it is saying and it is saying a lot. It starts with Abraham. What does Abraham have to do with the story? Abraham is the one that God made a promise to make him the father of a great nation and that through him all nations would be blessed. So, we have 14 generations from Abraham to the greatest king in Israel's history, David. This is the high point of the kingdom of Israel. Then we have the next 14 years go by and the nation suffers its greatest trauma of the exile to Babylon. Then another 14 years pass and we have the birth of Jesus.

So, is the main point of this that Jesus is related to David. Partly. But, it goes much deeper than this. Why the number 14? In Hebrew there were no numbers. So, they would use consonants to represent numbers. If you add up the Davids name it comes to 14. He also stands in the center



of this picture. The first part of the promise to make a great nation is realized in David and kept alive by the promise of his descendants. But, at the end of three sets of 14 we have the birth of Jesus. The number three symbolized completeness. Now in Jesus the promises of God would reach their perfect completion. The kingdom that God promised to Abraham and reached its peak in David would now come to perfect completion in Jesus. Jesus would also be the completion of the second part of the promise of Abraham that his family would be a blessing to the nations. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus sends his disciple out to the ends of the earth with the blessing of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

So, what we look for in Matthew is the perfect King of Kings establishing his Kingdom. We ask ourselves, what does this kingdom look like. The rest of the Gospel will show us what this Kingdom will look like. So, pay attention to what the King of Kings will be saying and doing. We follow our King!

Blessings to you as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

Prayers

Prayer for

Leslie Sagedahl

Jon Hackman

Wayne Harguth

Submitted by

D Sagedahl

M Hackman

S Bratsch

Prayer for

Diana Adkins

Bob Sagedahl

Tonia Otto

Submitted by

B Hennen

D Sagedahl

P Aalderks



Worship

Sunday Morning 8:30 and 10:30am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:20am

Saturday evening 5:30pm

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes

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.

Great fellowship is waiting, how about signing up to host coffee?!?!?

Check the Board for open dates.



Didn't you find it on your desk?
...or in a drawer or on your chair?

Not always!!

Please use the mailbox outside the office door for messages, donations, registrations, etc.

Even on Sunday.

Welcome to membership through Baptism

Bethanie - Ryan and Natasha Johnson

Harrison - Mark and Lara Neubauer

Volunteer... *Honey-Do* List

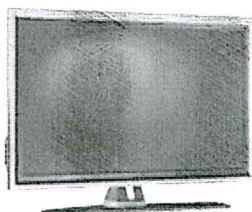
Do you have the know-how, the tools, the time?

- Move the Faith 5 banner to the Educ. Wing before Jan 1
- Install a countertop in the Sacristy
- Stain and varnish interior of two Altar area windows

If you notice something that may need to be added to the *Honey-Do* list, please let Laurie know about it. Please include your name on the request, so clarifying questions may be asked and/or additional information shared.

NEW ONE

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.



Comfort Meals.

Please consider joining this group of folks who provide meals for Cross of Calvary members during times of difficulty. Everyone on the Comfort Meals list is notified of the needs, and each member can choose to help out as many times as they like. Call Lynnette Blem or Laurie Schultze for more information and to get on the notification list.

Widow's Holiday Luncheon

December 10, Wednesday

12:00

Marlys Klinghagen's home.

Call Marlys to RSVP



Volunteers

| DECEMBER | TIME | NAME |
|-------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Communion | 8:30 | E Skeie |
| | 10:30 | C Johnson |
| Ushers | 8:30 | K Larson, N Bahl, D/S Lindquist |
| | 10:30 | S/L Altmann |
| Altar Guild | | S Malecek, H Thompson, J Evenson |
| Acolytes | | T Mertens, S Helmer |

Christmas Acolytes

4:40 J Hanson, M Lilja

10:00 D Gluesing, E Thompson



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.

Communion – Sat and Sun, Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

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

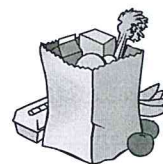
- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, leave a message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

The FOLLOWER deadline is always the 15th.

Assemble the Follower at 1pm, Tues, December 30.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.

Food Shelf – 49 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*



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.





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| 12/01 | Greenwell, Donna | 12/05 | Lindquist, Sue | 12/11 | Ridler, Brady |
| 12/01 | Dietrich, Morgen | 12/05 | Torgelson, David | 12/11 | Prokosch, London |
| 12/01 | Triplett, Michael | 12/05 | Meuhlberg, Christina | 12/12 | DeKlerk, Konnie |
| 12/01 | Sigurdson, Abby | 12/05 | Wertish, Lucas | 12/12 | Lingl Sr., Joseph |
| 12/01 | Johnson, Paige | 12/07 | Ryan, Sharon | 12/12 | Adamski, Melissa |
| 12/02 | Wallert, Herb | 12/07 | Newville, Joseph | 12/13 | Brustuen, Jerry |
| 12/02 | Revier, Jeff | 12/08 | Wallert, Brian | 12/13 | Torkelson, Roxanne |
| 12/02 | Steffel, Adam | 12/08 | Seidl, Angela | 12/13 | Jensen, Ryan |
| 12/03 | Kingstrom, Danielle | 12/09 | Enestvedt, Brody | 12/13 | Barta, Nathan |
| 12/03 | Malvin, Emersyn | 12/10 | Limoges, Joyce | 12/14 | Knoke, Bruce |
| 12/04 | Revier, Gerald | 12/10 | Feil, Roger | 12/14 | Johnson, Kathy |
| 12/04 | Erickson, Clayton | 12/11 | Harrier, Randy | 12/14 | Hausken, Sarah |
| 12/04 | Schrupp, Krista | 12/11 | Bellig, Hannah | 12/14 | Bergren Hanish, Jaime |
| 12/04 | Kemnitz, Michael | 12/11 | Bellig, Steven | 12/14 | Adamski, Matt |

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| 12/15 | Wacek, Marcella |
| 12/15 | Wertish, Tim |
| 12/15 | Blem, Amy |
| 12/15 | Neubauer, Miranda |
| 12/16 | Bohm, Kristina |
| 12/17 | Sheggeby, Rosalie |
| 12/17 | Lilja, Lorin |
| 12/18 | Revier, Tami |
| 12/18 | Bruns, Nick |
| 12/19 | Fahse, Ron |
| 12/20 | Honzay, Joshua |
| 12/20 | Skeie, Jacob |
| 12/21 | Wick, Joan |
| 12/21 | Erickson, Kandi |
| 12/22 | Siems, Keshia |
| 12/22 | Tepfer, Courtney |
| 12/22 | Lippert, Briar |
| 12/23 | Sigurdson, Samuel |
| 12/24 | Lingl, Barbara |
| 12/24 | Cole, Nate |
| 12/24 | McDowell, Emily |
| 12/24 | Suess, Gabriel |
| 12/25 | Johnson, Charles |
| 12/25 | Kopel, Tammy |
| 12/26 | Wertish, Steve |
| 12/26 | Osthus, Griffin |
| 12/27 | Gluesing, Caeden |
| 12/29 | Johnston, Vi |
| 12/29 | Fahse, Linda |

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH FOOD

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: National Guard Armory
530 Hwy 101
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

- You receive an abundance of grocery items.
- Everyone who gets hungry qualifies!
- \$20 cash donation, no checks please

Bring your own boxes or baskets for food!

Hosted by:
First Presbyterian Church

More Info?

Email: rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com
www.rubyspantry.org or
on Facebook at Ruby's Pantry Redwood Falls

Ruby's Pantry is a Food distribution option for families.
For a \$20 donation, you can leave with more than \$75 worth of groceries.
Bring 2 laundry baskets or boxes to fill.
No qualifications are necessary.

Distributions dates:

| | | |
|---------|--------|---------|
| July 15 | Aug 19 | Sept 16 |
| Oct 21 | Nov 18 | Dec 16 |

Don't miss the due date!!! Make arrangements NOW...

Prelude music for the Sunday School Christmas Program – Dec 14

- Preschool – 12th Grade
- Music planning form due by Dec. 5
- Pianist - Nanette Serbus

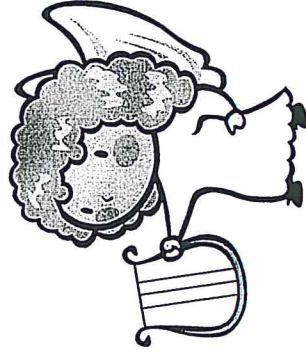
Special music for Christmas Eve. – Dec 24

- High School Youth - Adults
- Music planning form due by Dec. 12
- Pianist/Organist- Karen Grasmon

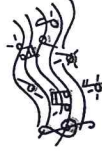
THANK YOU

Promptly submitting the form to the office by the due date allows Pastor, the staff and the musicians enough time to

- Organize and plan
- Arrange for rehearsals
- Set up tech needs



Sharing Special Music at Christmas?



If you are considering providing special music at the Sunday School Service on Dec. 14, or at the Christmas Eve service(s) on Dec. 24, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below, or in the Follower, then submit it to the office by the due date noted. Thanks!!

NAME _____ Cell/Home phone _____

| Sunday School Program (Preschool – grade 12) | Christmas Eve (HS and adults) |
|---|---|
| Dec 14 10:30 | Dec 24 please circle 4:30 or 10:00 |
| The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 5 | The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 12 |
| Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____ | Your piece is selected and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____ |
| It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____ | It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO Are others performing with you and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____ |
| You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____ | You have contacted an accompanist and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____ |
| Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____ | Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____ |
| Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO | Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO |
| You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO | You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO |

Notes:



Cross of Calvary 20th Annual Snowflake Bazaar!

Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2014 – 11 am to 1 pm
1101 W. Chestnut – Olivia

Luncheon – Barbecues, salads, chips, desserts
and drink – \$5.00 with takeouts available!

Bake sale with cookies by the dozen, lefse,
krum kaka, candies and baked goods too
numerous to mention!

NEW THIS YEAR!

Raffle items, tickets only \$1.00!

Kid's craft room – make an ornament while
parents shop!

Craft and gift items for sale!

C of C Youth NEWS December

Merry Christmas everyone!

What a blessed time of the year. I pray each of you find joy filled moments, both small and large, this holiday season. For unto US a child was born!

Christmas Program

Dec. 14th During 2nd service- 10:30 AM

Kids: Please be here at 9:45 to rehearse in the fellowship hall.

Be sure to invite Grandparents, aunts, uncles, family and friends!

Your child has a part!

All students have a part, whether it is a poem, song, or lines in the play

Gal's Holiday Dinner

Are you ready for a little girl time??

Sign up on the Youth Board to be our guest!

Sunday, December 7

6:00 – Enjoy dinner.

7:00 - Holiday fun in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$6.00

This is a night of fun for **ALL** ladies of **ALL** ages.

gr 7-12 girls: sign up to serve (conf. gals earn an element)

CHECK IT OUT

•Dec 3– Confirmation Service night –following class

•Dec 7 – Gal's Holiday Dinner - 6:00 pm

•Dec 14 – 10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program

•Dec 14 - FUEL – 6:30 snacks, 7:00 worship

•NO Wednesday programs Dec 25 & Jan 1

•NO Sunday School Dec 21&28

•Jan 7 – WeeWow & Choirs begin for K-6th gr

WoW, WeeWow -Junior & Cherub Choirs

Wee WoW: Grades K-2 ; WoW: Grades 3-5
Starting on WED, JAN 7, after school until 4:30

****Take bus #2 to the church.**

Snacks, Bible Time, Activities,
Junior and Cherub Choir Practice

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Dec 7 -

M. Hausken, R. Ridler,
R. Jensen,
D.Bratsch



| Who | When | Where | What |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Breakfast Club Grades 10-12 | Thursdays 7:07 AM | Cross of Calvary | Come eat a delicious breakfast and hear God's word as a beginning to your day. Every Thursday until May 15th |
| Sunday School Christmas Program | Dec 14 th 10:30service | Cross of Calvary | Celebrate the birth of Christ with us! All students 3 yrs – 6 th grade will be singing, and most have a poem or speaking part. |
| Fuel | Dec 14 th 6:30 pm | Our Saviors | Worship service led BY students, FOR students. Our theme is Prayer . Come at 6:30 for snacks, 7:00 for worship |
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Events for December 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 1 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm | 2 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30 | 3 WOW 3:15 Confirmation – Meal 5:45 – Class 6:30 Advent Service 7pm | 4 | 5 | 6 5:30 Worship Bazaar 11am-1pm |
| 7 8:30 and 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Gal's Holiday Dinner 6pm | 8 Boy Scouts – Kitchen/FH 5:30-8:30 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm | 9 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30 | 10 WOW 3:15 Confirmation – Meal 5:45 – Class 6:30 Advent Service 7pm | 11 | 12 | 13 5:30 Worship |
| 14 8:30 and 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sun Sch Progr during Worship CLOCK | 15 Jan Follower Deadline Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm | 16 Jan Follower Deadline Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am | 17 WOW 3:15 Confirmation – Meal 5:45 – Class 6:30 Advent Service 7pm | 18 Dorcas Circle 10:00 at Masters | 19 | 20 5:30 Worship |
| 21 8:30 and 10:30 Worship NO Sunday School | 22 Ruth Circle at Parkview 12:00 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm | 23 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am | 24 Christmas Eve Services 4:30/10:00 NO Wed Progr | 25 Christmas Day – office closed | 26 Office closed | 27 NO Sat. Worship |
| 28 9:00 Worship NO Sunday School | 29 Library reserved 6:00-8:00pm | 30 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm | 31 NO Wed Progr New Year's Eve | | | |

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+ ICA! IMPORT MONTH'S EVENTS



Give
something
unexpected
this
Christmas.



This Christmas, the Altar Guild is promoting the ELCA Good Gifts program.

What are you asking of me?

You are encouraged to join in support of long-term, sustainable solutions that nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. Make your donation in HONOR to or in MEMORY of loved ones and ensure that your good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They will keep on giving for years to come.

What about poinsettias?

This opportunity for giving is in place of purchasing poinsettias for the Altar. Have no worry, the Altar Guild will be placing a number of poinsettias around the Altar for Christmas.

My donation?


Any donation is welcomed. The amount you give will remain confidential, yet will show up on your yearly giving statement. Please make checks to Cross of Calvary.

Deadlines?

Sunday, December 21, is the last day to submit a donation, because the names of those for whom you honor will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

How do I make a donation?

- Envelopes are in the church entry.
- Fill in the information on the front.
- Place your check or cash inside.
- Seal.
- Put envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door (not in the offering plate, please).




THIS GIFT
WAS GIVEN BY:

Your Name _____ phone _____

(Please circle) In memory or honor of _____

Your gift carries God's love to others,
making a difference in their lives
and around the world. Thank you.

 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.
www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

Please place in the mailbox outside the office door.