

*Flowers on the Altar are placed by John and Heidi Rose Balgaard
in honor of the birthday of John's mother, Joanne.*

Feb 1	Worship SouperBowl of Caring	8:30am / 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15am / 7am
	Cub Scouts	6:30-6:30pm
Wed	WOW, WeeWOW and choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:45 / 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Quilters	9:00am
Fri	Sr High registration is due	
Sat	Worship	5:30pm
Sun	Worship Sunday School	8:30am / 10:30am 9:30am

Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at crossofcalvary.net. It is updated daily.

Coming up in February

- 8 Kids' Choirs at both services
- 8 Conference meeting at 2pm
- 15 Camp Sunday – info at 9:30am
- 15 Nat. Gathering Breakfast
- 18 Council at 7:45
- 20 Gustavus Lock-In
- 23 Ruth Circle 1:30pm
- 24 Assemble the Follower 12:30
- 26 Dorcas Circle 9:30am
- 28 Equipping Congregations Day
- Mar 1 Altar Guild meeting 7pm

LENT	
Ash Wed (Feb 18)	noon/7pm
Wed Lent services	7pm
HOLY WEEK	
Matens (M-F)	7am
Maundy Thursday	noon/7pm
Good Friday	7pm
Easter Sunday	6:30/9:00am

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – Todd 10:30 – Natashaia
- Altar Guild** L Blem, L Frank
- Acolytes** M Ridler, E Whited
- Ushers** 8:30 – T Gay, D Sagedah, S Male0cek, B Boen
10:30 – A Thompson, C Gluesing



PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Deb Person	<i>K Person</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Megan Hoffman	<i>K Barta</i>
Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>	Annie Wilner-Miller	<i>D Boen</i>

Military – Benjamin Johnson

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING For wise leaders.

March 5 – 7: *Spring Craft Retreat*

- Go to the website at crossofcalvary.net
- Click FAITH BLOG
- Scroll to Registration Form
- Click the link or print the form and send it in.

Registration
deadline is Feb 15.
NEW → Register
online!

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CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)

- **Turkey Supper.** Feb. 11 at Zion United Methodist in Buffalo Lake.
- **Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's Black Tie Gala** Feb 14. Tickets available.
- **Wanted** – American Red Cross blood drive coordinator for the Olivia area. Please contact Tiffany Schulte for more info – Email tiffany.schulte@redcross.org
Cell 651-792-6592 Office 800-426-2164
- **“Good Grief”** a grief support opportunity through the Renville County Hospice. Monday evenings from 507. Fliers are on the Community Board.

VFW Breakfast Sun, Feb 8

American Legion – Olivia 9am – 1pm
Pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits 'n gravy, fruit cup



125th Anniversary Celebration!

November 1, 2015

New Directory! And, it will never become obsolete, as it will be held in an electronic file and can be printed at any time. A HUGE thank you goes out to Natasha Johnson! She has offered to take all the photos. CofC will have the digitals to share with you. No need to purchase expensive portraits. Sandy Whited has also volunteered to help with the project. It's a big one, and these two ladies cannot do it themselves. A brief planning meeting is needed...and you are too. Call Laurie and let her know you willing to help, and she'll keep you posted.

Planning: Natasha Johnson, Sandy Whited, _____, _____, _____

History Book / Display! Pastor Matt is really excited about this one...so excited he's going to head up the committee. Let's not leave Pastor as a committee of just one. Give him a call at 320-579-0839.

Planning: Matt Hausken, Gordy Blem, _____, _____, _____

Special Worship Service! What might we include in worship to make this thanksgiving celebration special? Pastor would LOVE your ideas.

Planning: _____, _____, _____, _____

Catered Meal!! Wow, how easy is the planning for this going to be? Get together with a couple friends/family and jump into this project. Give Pastor or Laurie a call.

Planning: _____, _____, _____, _____

Volunteer... *Honey-Do* List

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

- **Pastor needs some shelving in his office.**
Would require securing to concrete block wall.



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.

SOUP SUPPERS start in February



Are you still humming that hymn the senior choir sang last? Well, stop humming around and join the fun. The senior choir is always looking for new voices. You can join anytime. Rehearsals are on Wed. evenings, and the choir sings several times each month. Participants sing when their schedules allow. See you on Wednesday!

God's Story Your Story

February 1, 2015

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 plenty, show us the wealth of heaven that is ours because you are a generous God of abundant blessings. Stir our hearts to desire more of you and less of what we can obtain in this world, for the glory of your son, Jesus. Amen.

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

[Jesus said,] "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:19-20

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

In any culture and in any time, the accumulation of more is a temptation. The religious leaders of Jesus' day professed to live rightly, praying publically eloquent prayers and acquiring praise and accolades for their "righteousness." Their desire for more was misplaced, as their desires could only be met with material goods or praise from others. Jesus didn't want empty words or rituals. Jesus wanted action. He wanted people to treat each other with kindness and generosity, and to speak with God honestly and authentically. Jesus encouraged people to seek treasure that would last far beyond the years on this earth. He showed that investing in God would pay far more dividends than investing in anything we can receive in this world.

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

Follow these stories of Jesus' miracles, teachings, and healings.

Sunday, Matthew 6:7-21 (and/or Matthew 6:25-34), *Treasure in Heaven*

Monday, Psalm 20:7, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 7:1-29, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 8:1-17, *Healings of Jesus*

Thursday, Matthew 8:18-27, *Miracles of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 8:28-9:8, *Healings of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 9:9-17, *Call of Matthew*

How are Jesus' miracles, teachings, and healings connected? What do they tell people about Jesus' role in the world?

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 the accumulation of more encouraged in your community? What media or messages could you stop listening to so that you could limit your exposure to those messages?**
- **Name three things you wish you had more of. Reflect on how the desire for more shapes your behaviors and attitudes.**

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

Limit your exposure to TV, internet, and other media this week. First, notice how you spend that recovered time. Second, notice how you feel after limited exposure to messages that encourage the accumulation of more.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who provides what we need, encourage our faith through the reading of your word. Help us listen, hear and understand. Amen.

Take Note:  *Something from the service that speaks to you?
A reminder from the announcements?*