

Mar 15	Worship Sunday School Apr. Follower deadline Activate Faith	8:30am / 10:30am 9:30am 5:30pm
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study Cub Scouts	6:15am / 7am 6:30pm
Wed	Lent Service WOW, WeeWOW and choirs Soup Supper Confirmation Council	7:00pm 3:15-4:30pm 5:30-6:30pm 7:00pm 7:45pm
Thurs	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	Ham Dinner setup Activate Faith Worship	 10:00am 5:30pm
Mar 22	Worship NO Sunday School Ham Dinner Activate Faith	8:30am / 10:30am 11:15am -1:15pm 5:30pm

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

Coming up

- 23 Ruth Circle at Parkview 1:30
- 24 Fold the Follower 12:30
- 26 Dorcas Circle 9:30
- 29 Palm Sunday / Breakfast

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

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – E Skeie 10:30 – A Thompson
- Altar Guild** D Beckler, M Rauenhorst, K O’Neil
- Acolytes** E Iverson, M Steffel
- Ushers** 8:30 – K Elfering, G Helin, R Sigurdson, R Elbert
10:30 – D Altmann, D Beckler

Thank you!

Thrivent Choice Dollars. March 31st is the last date to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Megan Hoffman	<i>K Barta</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Sue McNamara	<i>A Suess</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>	Nick Alton	<i>S Alton</i>
Nancy Haney	<i>M Hausken</i>	Gloria Franzen	<i>S Triplett</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Twyla Kelly	<i>S Alton</i>
Leo Mallak	<i>C Mallak</i>	McKenya Egge	<i>B Egge</i>

Military – Benjamin Johnson and Andy Lange

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING For our Choirs!



WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry™

- Look for the sign-up sheet on the BOARD or call Laurie in the office.
- Choose your route—North or South
- Choose individual days or a week... or more.
- Partner with a friend or family.

Mar 16-20	N	M-F O’Niell	S	M-F O’Niell
Mar 23-27	N	M-F Rauenhorst	S	M-Th Hausken F
Mar 30-Apr 3	N		S	

A few volunteers have retired. Please consider helping with this ministry.

BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Ticket donations go toward building improvements and missions.
Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent.

Adults \$10.00 (10 and over)

Youth \$5.00 (9 and under)

Take-outs available until 12:45

Ticket sales following church services

March 8th & 15th, available at the door

or call the church office at [320-523-1574](tel:320-523-1574).



WOW kids and the choirs are having a blast on Wednesday afternoons! And, after school treats are welcomed. There are 30 kids. More information is on the BOARD.

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.



Weather and Worship. Cross of Calvary does not cancel worship in case of inclement weather since Pastor lives next door. However, PLEASE make wise choices about being on the road when the weather is bad. May the Lord watch over your travels.

Membership Update

Please offer a small amount of your time to save the staff HOURS AND HOURS of reviewing data and updating information for over 900 members!

ELECTRONIC submission is ongoing.

If you did not receive the link to the online registration, please email crossofcalvary@gmail.com, and Laurie will get it to you.

PAPER submission

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, you may submit a paper form. These are available in the Narthex. Please put your completed form in the mailbox by the office door.

Remember:

- Data from the old program will NOT be transferred in order to insure that we will have your most current information.
- All communication (including the Follower) will be sent out using the new program.
- Remember your *adult children* who may not be living nearby and are members of Cross of Calvary. Their information needs to be included also.

SOUP SUPPER

Mar 18 NATIONAL GATHERING
Mar 25 MEN's GROUP



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. 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, Amanda Malvin, Laurie Schultze, Annmarie Suess

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, Cheryl Mallak, _____

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: _____, _____, _____, _____

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



The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's 20th annual fundraising event will be held on Saturday, March 21st at the BOLD School in Bird Island. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony

at 5:45 p.m. Along with the boys and girls basketball games, this year entertainment will include Crunch, Big Bear, Little Bear, Dunk teams and the F-M Acro Team. A silent auction and raffle are also held. Proceeds from the event will benefit children from the area battling a serious or life threatening illness. More details can be found at www.timorthfoundation.org or on the TOMF Facebook page.

You're invited to join Olivia Kiwanis for dinner on Tuesday, March 24 at the Christian Community Outreach Center between 4:30 and 7:30 pm. Free Will Offering. Silent Auction and Karaoke will be present as well. All proceeds go to Renville County Back the Pack, Christian Community Outreach Center, Circle and Olivia Kiwanis. Come have some supper, socialize and support kids in our community!

Smelt Fry at United Lutheran Church, Lake Lillian. Mar 27

St. Mary's School Egg and Ham Brunch, March 29. 10 am - 1 pm



God's Story Your Story

March 15, 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 good gifts, you entrust the gifts of your kingdom to our care. Help us to be prepared for your coming at all time, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

In following the theme of abundant invitation and grace of the past few weeks, this story moves now to the expected response to such an invitation. The bridesmaids who came prepared ultimately were invited into the banquet. Those who came unprepared missed the opportunity. This suggests that we come to God's house and work in God's world with attention, intentionality, and respect.

In both parables, the bridegroom/master were gone for a time, and then returned at an unexpected time. In both instances those waiting were expected to be prepared for the return. The bridesmaids were expected to bring enough oil to last while they waited. The servants were expected to invest what they had been given, so that at the master's return they would have even more to return. Both of these parables expect action on the part of those who wait.

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

Follow the parables and teachings of Jesus, as Jesus challenged followers to do more for God's kingdom.

Sunday, Matthew 25:1-13, (25:14-30), *Bridesmaids (or Talents)*

Monday, Psalm 43:3-4, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 22:15-33, *Questions for Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 22:34-46, *The Greatest Commandment*

Thursday, Matthew 23:1-36, *Woes*

Friday, Matthew 23:37-39, *Lament over Jerusalem*

Saturday, Matthew 24:1-28, *Teachings of Jesus*

How is the tone of these later chapters different from earlier chapters?

What was Jesus trying to tell people?

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?**
- **Do people live as if Jesus might return any day? How might your community look different if people behaved as if Jesus was on his way?**
- **What is one thing you can change about your routine or behaviors so**


that you are behaving as if Jesus was going to return at any moment?

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

Make a bucket list of 5-10 things you would like to do before Jesus' return. Challenge yourself to plan and do one of the things on your list. Consider how the items on your list benefit others, and how they might change you for the better.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

O God most wise, speak wisdom to our lives in your word today. Amen.

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

**Cross of Calvary Youth
Spring Plant Sale**

2015

Buyer Name _____

Phone _____

Youth Seller _____

Hanging Baskets - \$22.00 each

For Sunny Spots

Ivy Geranium Number _____

Red _____

Pink _____

Lavender _____

Wave Petunia

Light Pink _____

Dark Pink _____

Dark Purple _____

Pansies

Mixed Colors _____

For Shady Spots

Impatiens Number _____

Red _____

Pink _____

Violet _____

Begonias

Pink _____

Orange _____

Yellow _____

Fushia

Bi-color _____

Orders can be picked up on:

Fri. May 8, 4:30-7:30 pm

Sat. May 9, 8-10 a.m.

Or make arrangements w/seller

Total Hanging Baskets

Number _____

x \$22.00 _____

Total Potted Plants

Number _____

8" X \$16 _____

12" X \$26 _____

Total Plants _____

Total Paid _____

(Please collect money with order)

Potted Geraniums

8" Potted Geranium - \$16.00

Red _____

Pink _____

12" Potted Geranium - \$26.00

Red _____

Pink _____