

March  
2015



CROSS OF CLAVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

## Pastor's Corner

This past weekend as we were talking about the images of God that we had, one jumped out at me. That was Elijah's still small voice of God. As he sat in fear and anger God spoke to him in a "still, small voice". That got me to thinking whether or not we would even hear that still, small voice of God calling to us. We fill our lives with so much noise. There are things to get done. There are places to go. There are jobs that are still out there waiting to be done. There is noise from the time we open our eyes until we close them. Then, how can we hear God.

Brain research has even indicted that our brains need boredom. We have been trained to erase boredom at all costs!!!! Boredom is bad! If you are bored, you are not being productive. The research indicates that some daily boredom is necessary for our brains to wander and create, and I would like to add—genuinely hear the still, small voice of God! If you are wondering how in the world you can find that boredom because there is so much expected of you, I would like you to entertain the notion of dropping

something. Ask yourself, "Am I doing this because I love doing this? Or, am I doing this because if I don't do it, it just won't get done." Focus on the stuff you genuinely love doing—it is probably where God is calling you. Avoid doing the latter. Really if no one else will do it, is it important enough to keep going? It is probably not where God is calling you. Then you can have some good time to be bored. Let your mind wander and listen to the still, small voice of God. I can assure you your boredom will become your most productive time of day, once you learn how to practice it!

God's blessings for a wonderful month of March!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



## Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>
Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>	Nick Alton	<i>S Alton</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Gloria Franzen	<i>S Triplett</i>
Nancy Haney	<i>M Hausken</i>	Sue McNamara	<i>A Suess</i>



## 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](http://www.crossofcalvary.net) and on iTunes

committee representation – were concluded.

**Committee reps. \*lead rep.**

**Administration**

- \*Michelle Jensen (tech)
- \*Aaron Thompson (church)
- \*Eric Skeie (finance)
- \*Keith Larson (parsonage)

**Equipping the Congregation** – Bobbi Kopel,  
\*Cindy Johnson

**Outreach** – \*DeeAnne Newville, Jon  
Hawkinson, David Torgelson

**Youth Ministry** – \*Natashia Johnson, Steve  
Altmann

A draft of the new church constitution was  
given to the council members for review be-  
fore the March meeting.

March Communion Every Sunday  
8:30 Eric 10:30 Aaron

Devotions—Eric

Next Council meeting is  
Wed, March 18, at 7:45, following the  
Wednesday Lent Service.

**Closed in prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Schultze,  
Council Recorder



## Church Committee Meetings – Guidelines 2015

### Committee meetings

- Are held on church property
- Are open to all members at all times
- Are published -date, time and location- in church communications
- Include the pastor or a staff member
- Include at least one council representative

### Council member reps will

- Report committee meeting business to the council
- Share council information, suggestions and questions with committees
- At the first council meeting of a new year, the council will
  - \* Determine who is on which committee
  - \* Share contact information
  - \* Choose a lead council rep for each committee

**Great fellowship is waiting, how  
about signing up to host coffee?!?!?**  
Check the Board for open dates.



## 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.

**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.

**Thank you!** Placing messages, donations, registrations, etc. in the mailbox outside the office door works GREAT!!!

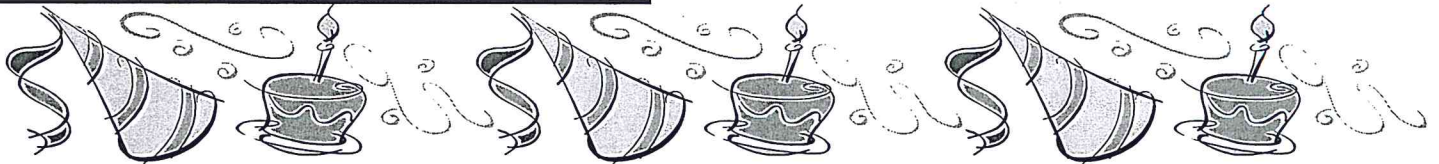
## Volunteer... *Honey-Do* List

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.

**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.



03/04	Hanson, Jack	03/15	Dale, Jeff	03/24	Kubesh, Carson
03/05	Dahl, Ashley	03/15	Sagedahl, Drew	03/24	Holland, Andrew
03/06	Nere, Emma	03/16	Stratton, Laurence	03/25	Metteer, Angie
03/06	Skornicka, Eli	03/16	Lingl, Jesse	03/26	Gay, Jacob
03/07	Baumgartner, Andrew	03/16	Gross, Gavin	03/27	Revier, Parker
03/07	Erickson, Emily	03/16	Mages, Tatum	03/27	Kowalski, Peyton
03/07	Reese, Jena	03/17	Wagner, Kari	03/27	Blad, Avery
03/07	Mertens, Breann	03/17	Schmidt, August	03/29	Neubauer, William
03/07	Newville, Daniel	03/18	Buhr, Paul	03/29	Mikosch, Jacob
03/10	Kircher, Kent	03/18	Hanson, Lorene	03/29	Boen, Zane
03/10	Amberg, Tara	03/18	Amberg, Gage	03/30	Neubauer, Janelle
03/10	Helmer, Dawn	03/18	Baumgartner, Colton	03/30	Steffel, Jan
03/10	Paulsen, Randy	03/19	Torkelson, Trevor	03/30	Kopel, Bobbi
03/10	Jansen, Evan	03/20	Osthus, Anne	03/30	Lothert Jr., Craig
03/11	Johnson, Cindy	03/20	Dale, Cody	03/30	Veglahn, Venn
03/12	Fostvedt, Sonja	03/20	Bohm, Braylon	03/31	Malecek, Florence
03/12	Plass, Lynn	03/21	Erickson, Steve	03/31	Wick, Kevin
03/12	Hebrink, Tyler	03/21	Suess, Annmarie	03/01	Robideau, Lachlan
03/13	Lilja, Josie	03/21	Schrupp, Justin	03/02	Barta, Karen
03/14	Rock, Traci	03/21	Fliflet, Karissa	03/03	Adamski, Cassandra
03/14	Serbus, Nanette	03/22	Guetter, Danielle	03/03	Grund, Brett
03/14	Aponte, Jackie	03/24	Schwer, Tammy	03/03	Grund, Breanna
03/15	Maurice, Mavis			03/04	Mallak, Duane
				03/04	Bahl, Katrina
				03/04	Senger, Matthew

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## Volunteers

## Prayer List Information

MARCH	TIME	NAME
Communion	8:30	E Skeie
	10:30	A Thompson
Ushers	8:30	K Elfering, G Helin, R Sigurdson, R Elbert
	10:30	D Altmann, D Beckler
Altar Guild		D Beckler, M Rauenhorse, K O'Neil,
Acolytes		E Everson, M Steffel



### 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](http://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.

**Sunday Volunteers Reminders** for ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, technology and staff.

**Communion – Every weekend during Lent**

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## 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 12:30pm, Tues, March 24.**

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.**

**Food Shelf – \_\_\_pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!***



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## 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](http://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.



## 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 anytime. 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.

**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.

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

**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.

WE ARE  
**Meals On Wheels**  
So no senior goes hungry™

MARCH is our month

- Look for the sign up sheet on the BOARD or call Laurie in the office. 523-1574
- Choose the route you prefer—North or South
- Choose individual days or a week...or more.
- Partner with a friend or family. Have some fun!

## 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!

If you did not receive the link to the online registration, please email [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com), and Laurie will get it to you.

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION is DUE MARCH 9th. (extended)

Electronic Option— Quickly add your information electronically from your home computers. A link has been sent via email. Your data will be automatically sent to the church.

Borrow a Computer Option— Laptop computers and helpers will be available to assist you as you enter your information on the following dates. Or, stop by and see Laurie in the office during the week.

Sun, Mar 1	9:30 – 10:30am	Office - Freddie Ridler
Wed, Mar 4	5:00 – 6:30pm	Office - Laurie Schultze
Sun, Mar 8	9:30 – 10:30am	Office - Laurie Schultze

Paper Option— If you need a paper form, they will be available in the Narthex after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please put your completed form in the mailbox near 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. We will continue to house their information until they transfer to a new church.

# C of C Youth NEWS

March

Palm Sunday Breakfast March 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM

Workers and food donations needed! Check out the youth Board for information.

**Menu:** Sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee

## WHY CAMP?

### Summer Camps Make Kids Resilient

February 5, 2012 by Michael Ungar, Ph.D. in [Nurturing Resilience](#)

1. **New relationships**, not only with peers, but with trusted adults other than their parents.
2. A powerful **identity** that makes the child feel confident.
3. Camps help children feel in control of their lives. Children who experience themselves as **competent** will be problem-solvers.
4. Camp gives them opportunities to just be kids who are **valued** for who they are.
5. At camp kids get what they need to **develop physically**. Ideally, fresh air, exercise, a balance between routine and unstructured time, and all the good food their bodies need
6. Best of all, camps offer kids a chance to feel like they **belong**.

Family camp, half a week or a full week, there is a camp for every age!

**Early Bird** Registration due – **Save \$5 or \$10** per camper by having your registration in by **March 6**

#### CHECK IT OUT

- March 6-7 – Sr. High Gathering
- March 8 – Kids' Choirs sing at both services
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Earlybird CAMP registrations due
- TBD Thursday evening Confirmation work @ Food Shelf (more info to come)
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – National Gathering Getting ready meeting 6:30 pm  
No Sunday School – Ham Dinner
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Breakfast
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – SPRING FLING flower sales begin

#### Coffee Hour Hosts:

March 8<sup>th</sup> -

S. Altmann, J. Skeie,  
C. Gluesing,



March 15<sup>th</sup> -

C. Weis, T. Steffel,  
S Evenson, S. Helmer,

## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
2015 Youth Gathering parents	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 5:30 pm	Cross of Calvary	Meet for another supper and group strengthening event. We will eat and discuss what to expect in Detroit.
EVERYONE!	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cross of Calvary	Think Spring!! Our annual Spring Fling is coming up May 10 <sup>th</sup> . Flower sales will begin March 30 <sup>th</sup> . Ask a C of C youth grades 2-12. Our beautiful potted or hanging baskets are a perfect gift for Mother's day!