

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship</b> Sunday School Palm Sunday Breakfast Activate Faith	<b>8:30am / 10:30am</b>   5:30pm
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>Matens Service</b>	<b>7:00am</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Office is closed Library reserved	6-8pm
<b>Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15am / 7:00am
<b>Wed</b>	<b>No Wed programming</b>	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Maundy Thurs Worship</b>	noon / 7:00pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>	7:00pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>NO Saturday worship service</b>	
<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship</b> <b>NO Sunday School</b>	<b>6:30am / 9:00am</b>

Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net). It is updated daily.

**Coming up** 

- 11 Bridal Shower – Becky Thiesse
- 15 Follower deadline
- 15 Outreach Committee mtg. 5pm
- 15 Council mtg. 7:30pm
- 19 Commissioning – Sarah Hausken
- 22 Spaghetti Dinner
- 23 Dorcas Circle
- 23 CCNI Class For Day  
Care Providers
- 27 Ruth Circle

 **Reminder, the office is closed on Mon, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> is the last date to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.



## 30 Pieces of Silver

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, please bring 30 pieces of silver (any combination of nickels, dimes and quarters) for a special offering for Olivia's House of Hope



### **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>
Vonna Ledeboer	<i>A Ledeboer</i>	Craig Norby	<i>K Barta</i>

Family of Ruth Woltjer

**Military** – Benjamin Johnson and Andy Lange

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

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

To all who made donations, prepared food and worked at the ham dinner!!! And thank you to all our guests!

**And...Remember to pick up your pans and dishes.**



### *Bridal Shower*

Please join us for a come and go shower for Rebecca Thiesse, bride of Mark Revier.  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. until noon at Cross of Calvary.

# Membership Update: 386 and counting

Have you updated your membership information????

All communication, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWER, will be sent out using the new membership software program.

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](mailto: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.
- Remember, if we hold the church records for your *adult children*, their information needs to be included also.

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*25th Anniversary Celebration! November 1, 2015*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to worship  
and to celebrate and to bless  
the commissioning of

*Sarah L. Hausken*

into the ministry of Word and Service  
as an Associate in Ministry of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 4:30 pm  
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
1103 W. Chestnut. Ave.  
Olivia, Minnesota

Please join us for a meal and reception following  
the service. Rostered persons are invited to vest.  
The color of the day is red.



Artwork by Signe Flink

“The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” John 4:14

### **What is an Associate in Ministry?**

Associates in Ministry serve, lead and equip the whole people of God in service to God's world.

Many people have asked me if this means I'll be an assistant pastor. No, I will not be a pastor, but having completed specific educational requirements and a church endorsement process, I will be recognized as a rostered leader of the ELCA for Word and Service.

No, I will not preside at communion or do baptisms, weddings or funerals.

Yes, I may lead worship, just as other non-pastors may lead worship.

This call is specifically to share God's word through unconditional service to all people.

The SW MN Synod has called me to serve as an Associate in Ministry as Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator. This is the same role I've been serving for nearly 15 years. While my job description does not change, becoming an Associate in Ministry affirms my life's calling of serving others through the church and strengthens my commitment to the church and the church's commitment to me.

You have been significant in my life and I thank you for your presence and prayers as I undertake this new stage of ministry and service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Potted Geraniums**

8" Potted Geranium - \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_  
Pink \_\_\_\_\_

12" Potted Geranium - \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_  
Pink \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Paid** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please collect money with order)

## CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



- St. Mary's School Egg and Ham Brunch, March 29. 10 am - 1 pm
- Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra at St. Al's, Apr 12. 4pm. Free will offering for the Renville County food shelf

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# God's Story Your Story

March 29, 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.

**Hosanna!** Today we celebrate your coming into the city of Jerusalem, and into our lives. Sustain this joy in us today and all days, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21:9*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, venerated and adored as the king who would redeem Israel and save her from the oppression of Rome. The people had no way of knowing that Jesus' purpose was much greater; to save people from sin and death.

Many things in this story indicated that the people were celebrating Jesus as a king. The donkey and the colt, the spreading of cloaks and the branches were all signs of royalty. The people shouted, "Hosanna!" which means "save, rescue, savior." They acknowledged Jesus as a prophet, which meant that his actions were directed and blessed by God. A good king would protect the people from harm, provide basic human needs (food, shelter, safety) for his kingdom, and rule with justice.

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

Follow the stories of Jesus' final days on the earth.

Sunday, Matthew 21:1-13, *Triumphal Entry*

Monday, Psalm 118:26-29, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 27:1-14, *Passion*

Wednesday, Matthew 27:15-26, *Passion*

Thursday, Matthew 26:17-30, *Words of Institution*

Friday, Matthew 27:27-61, *Crucifixion*

Saturday, Matthew 27:62-66, *The Guard at the Tomb*

**What unique details stand out in Matthew's account of Jesus' passion? Which are familiar? Which are not?**

**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?**
- **Where do you see the presence of a dying Jesus in the world today? Where do you see the presence of a resurrected Jesus?**
- **What are you most afraid of? How can Jesus' presence in your life help you overcome your fear?**

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

**Attend Holy Week worship services this week. Write down one thing you get from each service. Carry it with you and reflect on it throughout the weekend.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**God who comes in peace, sharpen our awareness to hear what is not said in your word today. Amen.**

**Take Note:**



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