| Apr 26 | Worship | 8:30am / 10:30am |
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| | Sunday School | 9:30am |
| Mon | Ruth Circle | 1:30 at Parkview |
| | Library reserved | 6-8pm |
| Tues | Men's Bible Study | 6:15am / 7:00am |
| Wed | WOW, WeeWOW and choirs | 3:15-4:30pm |
| | Confirmation meal/class | 5:45pm / 6:30pm |
| Sat | Bridal Shower in FH | rsvd 9:00am-2:30pm |
| | Worship | 5:30pm |
| Apr 26 | Worship | 8:30am / 10:30am |
| - | Sunday School | 9:30am |
| | LYO Banquet in FH | rsvd 3-6pm |

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

Rummage Sale.

May

08 Spring Fling flower pick up 4:30-7:30pm Rummage Sale. Meal.

- 09 Spring Fling flower pick up 8-10am
- 10 Special Congregational Meeting 9:30am
- 12 Caregiver Meeting 12:30
- 15 Follower deadline
- 16 Last Saturday evening worship service until September
- 17 Summer Worship Sunday 9:00am
- 17 Senior Recognition
- 19 Altar Guild meeting 7pm
- 20 Council Meeting 7pm
- 21 Summer Worship Thursday 6:30pm
- 25 Memorial Day office closed
- 25 Ruth Circle 12:00 at Parkview
- 28 Dorcas Circle 10:00 at Masters





Like the fresh air and fellowship? Come join the garden crew while we take care of the flower gardens around the church. Days and time will be decided by the group. Let's get digging!

NOTICE of Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 10 at 9:30am

Agenda



1. Approval to send an updated Cross of Calvary Church Constitution to the Synod Office for review.

Previews of the new Constitution are available at church or you may request an electronic copy from the office at *crossofcalvary@gmail.com*

2. Approval for the expenditure of not more than \$12,000 to remodel the office of the Minister of Faith Formation.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

| Prayer for | Submitted by | Prayer for | Submitted by |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Leslie Sagedahl | D Sagedahl | Megan Hoffman | K Barta |
| Athena Krueger | S Grasmon | Sue McNamara | A Suess |
| Diana Adkins | B Hennen | Nancy Berry | B Beckman |
| Jon Hackmann | M Hackmann | Nick Alton | S Alton |
| Nancy Haney | M Hausken | Gloria Franzen | S Triplett |
| Tonia Otto | P Aalderks | Twyla Kelly | S Alton |
| Leo Mallak | C Mallak | McKenya Egge | B Egge |
| Vonna Ledeboer | A Ledeboer | Robert Senger | D/M Senger |
| Craig Nordby | K Barta | Luella Norberg | L Blem |
| Gordy Steffel | K Ziesmer | | |

Military – Benjamin Johnson and Andy Lange Missionaries – The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family - Paraguay Paul and Jay Mikaelson - Bolivia

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The Commissioning of Sarah L. Hausken, Associate in Ministry

VOLUNTEERS for May

Communion 8:30—B Kopel 10:30—M Jensen Ushers 8:30 —N Cole, J Hawkinson, R Osthus 10:30— D Torgelson, D/K Flom Altar Guild K van der Hagen, A Boen Acolytes G Adamski



125th Anniversary Celebration!

November 1, 2015

New Directory Natashia Johnson, Sandy Whited, Amanda Malvin, Laurie Schultze, Annmarie Suess

History Book / Display Matt Hausken, Gordy Blem, Cheryl Mallak, Margaret Flemming

Catered Meal Kathy Slagter, Barb Wertish, Emy Elbert, Dawn Mertens

Special Worship Service What might we include in worship to make this thanksgiving celebration special? Pastor would LOVE your ideas. *Planning: Jill Hanson, Matt Hausken, ______*, _____

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Beginning Sunday May17 Sunday service is at 9:00am (Senior Recognition)
- Beginning Thursday, May 21 Thursday worship is at 6:30pm
- No Thursday service on July 23, as members are encouraged to attend the CCD Ecumenical Service
- Fall schedule begins again on Rally Weekend (weekend after Labor Day)

Thank you to the 413 (out of 900ish) who have updated your membership!

- 406 electronic updates
- 7 paper updates

You have saved the staff and volunteers HOURS AND HOURS!

And, for the remaining 487...Remember:

- Data from the old membership program will NOT be transferred in order to insure that we will have your most current information.
- All communication will be sent out using the new program in June.
- If we hold the church records for your *adult children*, their information needs to be included also.

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

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

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.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



God's Story Your Story

April 19, 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 radical transformation, you taught Peter to look at the new world in a whole new way. Teach us to see the world through your eyes, so that we might love and care for all people, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. **Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." Acts 10:15

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

This is a wonderful transition from the book of Matthew, that invested time helping the Jewish community to see that Jesus was a fulfillment of their prophesies and the Messiah whom they had waited for, to the book of Acts, that opens God's invitation beyond the Jewish community to anyone who will hear. Peter's resistance to eating unclean food was an indication of his hesitance to welcoming Gentiles. Yet at the end of his vision, God sent exactly the people he needed to meet; the servants and a soldier of a centurion of the Italian Cohort. It was a word from God that Peter had to let go of his old ideas and see the world in a whole new way. Perhaps we too, can begin to let go of our old ideas so that we might see the world through God's eyes. **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 early believers and missionaries.

Sunday, Acts 10:1-17, 34-35, Peter's Vision

Monday, Acts 10:18-43, Peter's Vision

Tuesday, Acts 10:44-48, Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, Acts 11:1-18, Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

Thursday, Acts 11:19-30, The Church in Antioch

Friday, Acts 12:1-19, Peter in Prison

Saturday, Acts 12:20-25, The Death of Herod

Why do you think early believers put themselves into dangerous situations for the sake of the Word?

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?
- What is considered taboo in your community? What has become mainstream that you wish was still taboo? Why?
- How can you honor God in a new way this week? What can you do or refrain from doing to respect God?

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

Plant flowers or other plants as a remembrance of people who have been imprisoned for their beliefs. Pray for countries who imprison people for believing in Christ.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who declares grace, move us past differences to see you at work in all people's lives. We need your word today. Help us hear it with open hearts. Amen.

Take Note:

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

WORLD MALARIA DAY 2015

Help make malaria history.

Every year, millions of people around the globe observe World Malaria Day on April 25. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is again turning this day into a special week, inviting you and your congregation to participate today, Sunday, April 26.

<u>With your gift today</u>, you can be a part of making malaria history. Five years ago



we established a goal, dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million by 2015. You can be a part of making that dream a reality – today.

By working together, we have seen great success. Lutheran malaria programs stretch into 13 African countries and have impacted more than 2 million people with efforts to prevent and treat malaria.

Thanks to your faithful support, we have already raised over 90 percent of the \$15 million goal and we are nearing the fulfillment of our commitments to several programs. **But five countries still depend on your support**. The time is now. Join our Lutheran companion churches and partners to fully fund our commitments to the rest of these programs and reach our goal for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Be a part of history with a gift that helps create a future free from malaria.

We are almost there, but we can't do it without you.

Donate online at <u>www.ELCA.org/malaria/donate</u>, call 800-638-3522 or make your check out to ELCA Malaria Campaign and place it in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Please have your check in the mail by May 1, 2015, and be sure to write "World Malaria Day" in the memo line.



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