

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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Trust and Honor God

**Announcements and Order of Service
July 12, 2015**

This Week At Cross of Calvary

July 12	Worship	9:00am
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15am/7:00am
Thur	Worship Office Closed	6:30pm
Fri	Office Closed	
Sun	Worship	9:00am

July Meals on Wheels

Note: The staff will be rotating vacations during the first 2 weeks of July.

14-19 Youth Trip to Detroit

No Council Mtg. or Follower in July

Activities change periodically. Please check the website calendar at crossofcalvary.net.

VOLUNTEERS for July 9:00

Communion D Torgelson
Ushers M Thiesse,
C Erickson
R Marguth
C Schroer
Altar Guild J Hanson,
D Gluesing

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS

The Community Summer Stretch program runs each Wednesday in July. They begin their time with worship, move onto a few hours of service and finish their time with a fun group

building activity. Please contact Chelsey if you, or someone you know, has any odds and ends projects they could use some extra hands with. Could be painting, gardening, weeding, moving furniture, cooking, cleaning etc. We will send a group of 8-10 eager, service-minded students and adult volunteers to your home on a Wednesday of your choice.

Please Contact Chelsey with any questions or projects, [320-522-3279](tel:320-522-3279)

*****Administrative Assistant***** - Cross of Calvary is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant (currently filled by Laurie Schultze) with a close date of Friday, July 24, end of business day. Please submit applications and any additional information in an envelope to the church office or drop box outside the office door. Any questions regarding the position or process may be directed to Todd Gay, President of the congregation.

*****Minister of Faith Formation***** - Cross of Calvary is accepting applications for the position of Minister of Faith Formation (currently filled by Chelsey Bellig) with a close date of Friday, July 24, end of business day. Please submit applications and any additional information in an envelope to the church office or drop box outside the office door. Any questions regarding the position or process may be directed to Todd Gay, President of the congregation.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
McKenya Egge	<i>B Egge</i>	Craig Nordby	<i>K Barta</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Randy Revier	<i>C Mallak</i>
Sharon Metteer	<i>B Metteer</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Vonna Ledeboer	<i>A Ledeboer</i>
Sue McNamara	<i>A Suess</i>	Eleanor Van der Hagen	<i>D Boen</i>
Belmer Fostvedt	<i>S Fostvedt</i>	Joan & Lenex Miller	<i>T Kadelbach</i>
Tim Fennern	<i>T Rock</i>	Theophile Soft	<i>D Soft</i>
Kevin Johnson	<i>N Johnson</i>	Rita Ryan	<i>V Wertish</i>
Jon Wogen	<i>J Wogen</i>	Barb Gehrke	<i>M Bentley</i>

Military – Benjamin Johnson and Joshua Nelson

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



Nickels for Nepal Donate your loose change.
Look for the jug in the entry way.

JULY *Meals on Wheels*

*Volunteers are needed from
Cross of Calvary for the
month of July. Choose as
many days as you like or sign
up for a full week.
Check the BOARD.*



Reminder:

The following dates and routes are still open:

July 24 & 31 (north)

July 27-31 (south)



A Message from Chelsey

Greetings to my wonderful Youth Families -

It is with excitement and heartache that I write this. I am leaving Cross of Calvary this summer and moving to the St. Paul area. My kids and I are very excited about all the new things coming up in our future, but we are also sad to be leaving such a wonderful and caring community.

I want to thank each of you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives the last 5 years. It pains me to say "good-bye" to "my kids". So often I reference "my kids" and people have to ask if I mean Amarii and Sevi or my youth group.

To my Youth, my children -

Thank you for being such an important part of my life. We have done so much together! Through Sock Wars, snacks, silly videos, service projects, prayer, meals, worship, road trips, laughing until we cry, crying until we laugh, and too many off-topic conversations to count, I have been blessed.

After 4 years, if you remember only one thing, I hope you remember this: YOU are SO loved. You are beautifully and wonderfully made. He loves you, and so do I!

I know the person that God places in this position will fall in love with your charming selves as I have. This new person will want to know you, play games with you, feed you, pray for you, and serve with you. Please teach them Sock Wars, and share with them your favorite choir song, your favorite church memory and then create new memories with them.

Thank you for your boundless energy, endless questions, uncontrollable silliness and countless smiles. I will hold everything you have shared with me close to my heart. Always remember how special and unique you are. You were made by Him to do great things! Matthew 14,16 ¹⁴ *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”* ¹⁶ *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

To my Faith Family -

You all have been a wonderful encouragement and support, not only to me, but to this amazing youth program. Cross of Calvary is incredibly blessed to have such a generous and supportive faith family to bring up these amazing children. I still can't say thank you enough for lending me your children a few hours a week, or for your time, your advice, your encouragement, every overnight chaperone event, your willingness to carpool and your prayers. Thank you for changing my life and for allowing me to become your family.

To the Staff:

What can I say? We are quite the team! I will miss our 2 hour long staff meetings and the long Wednesdays that pulled us together. I will miss the laughs, jokes, prayers, and countless words of encouragement.

Pastor Matt and Laurie, you have changed my life for the better in so many ways. I both admire and respect your faith, your work in ministry, and the way you put up with me. We truly became our own little family; diving in and out of turmoil and joy. Thank you for partnering with me in ministry, for never letting me fall, and for always believing in me.

It is with a hopeful yet heavy heart that I say good-bye; but mostly, I want to say thank you.

Blessings to each of you over and over again,
Chelsey



A Message from Laurie

Dearest Faith Family,

It is time to move north! I have accepted an administrative position at Camp Lebanon near our home in Long Prairie. I will be managing the office and assisting the director of women's ministry. Although an exciting time for Dennis and me as we begin to realize our dream to move to the lake, sadly, I will be leaving Cross of Calvary.

It is without hesitation that I can say I LOVE my job here. I LOVE your visits to the office, sharing stories, laughter and treats...and your gentle reminders and suggestions throughout my years here. I have been blessed to serve alongside you in joy and in sorrow. You will be missed!

And, who wouldn't LOVE serving alongside Pastor Matt! My job description begins with "assist Pastor so he can use his gifts to do what he does best." It has been a joy to support, equip and even challenge him in ministry at Cross of Calvary! I will miss my pastor, coworker and dear friend. And, I'll miss Chelsey. Her energy and deep faith is contagious. Thank you to her for inviting me to stay involved in youth ministry through WOW, Confirmation and VBS!

Transition: For the remainder of June and for the month of July, I will be sharing my time between Long Prairie and Olivia in order to help Cross of Calvary transition to new staff. You will see me 2-3 days a week. Office hours will vary, and a schedule for the upcoming weeks will be posted in the bulletin and on the website calendar. Feel free to call me when I'm not in, as I may be able to assist you from afar (320) 522-1199.

I have only one request of you. Assist Pastor so he can use his gifts to do what he does best...especially now. Summer is his time to prepare for fall programming. Give him a call to see what he needs. Perhaps you can volunteer to teach Sunday school or be a small group leader for Confirmation or help out with the 6 upcoming weddings.

Again, I want to thank you for your friendship, and for your support and prayers. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13

In Him,
Laurie



IT'S GARAGE SALE SEASON!!!! Before you tag that artificial Christmas tree and those extra decorations, consider donating them to Santa's Closet. Please call Nancy Hague at 523-5154, or Sandy Kubesh at 320-522-0106.

Thursday, July 23: Pie & Ice Cream Social at Fairview Place (located next to RC Hospital and Clinics in Olivia). Serving will be from 2-4:00



Take Note:



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

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God's Story Our Story

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 understanding and insight, you have spoken words too great for us interpret, and yet when you speak, our hearts are warmed and our minds are stretched. Teach us your wisdom and show us how to live with joy and faith. Amen.

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

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5*

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Proverbs, a book of instruction on right living, lifts up the virtue of wisdom. People who seek wisdom and righteousness receive happiness and contentment. People who live foolishly receive punishment and discontentment. A happy life comes from knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text.

After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8, *Trust and Honor God*

Monday, Proverbs 1:20-33, *The Call of Wisdom*

Tuesday, Proverbs 2:1-15, *The Value of Wisdom*

Wednesday, Proverbs 3:13-18, *The True Wealth*

Thursday, Proverbs 4:1-9, *Parental Advice*

Friday, Proverbs 4:10-27, *Admonition to Keep the Right Path*

Saturday, Proverbs 7:1-27, *The False Attractions of Adultery*

What do these texts have in common? What are they trying to teach?

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 social norms are still consistent with the words of wisdom from the Proverbs? What social norms are contrary? How do you reconcile the differences?**
- **What are some of today’s words of wisdom that roll off your tongue? What do they mean?**

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

Write down 5 sayings, quips, quotes, or advertising slogans that are common in your community. Write down what they mean and whether or not they are consistent with God’s words. Rewrite them so that they reflect the values you hold as a household.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God strengthen you with trust and honor. Amen.

General Reminders

- New Members are welcomed anytime. Contact Pastor or the office.
- Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.
- The *FOLLOWER* and weekly bulletin are available at *crossofcalvary.net*.
- Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board
- *Faithful 15* is a weekly podcast available on our website and on *iTunes*.

Office Mailbox Use for dropping off offering, messages, registrations. Checked daily.

Flowers for the Altar?

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call/email 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 (Thursday in the summer).

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Contact the office ...even if you have mentioned it to Pastor.
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

Note to all Sunday volunteers:

As a courtesy to all those who volunteer alongside you, please try to find a fill-in whenever you are unable to be at church to serve as an usher, reader, acolyte or to serve communion.

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.

Prayers of the People At each service, 3 or 4 volunteers will be needed.

- Take a prayer sheet from the center aisle of the church. (*Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer*)
- Read the numbered prayer that is circled on your sheet, from your place in the pew.

Why? Pastor would like more involvement in worship. And, since standing in front doing the

readings may be a little intimidating, this is a nice option. Note – we will take readers anytime!

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Worship Times: Thursday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Coffee Hour: Sunday 10:00am

Building Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30-7:00, Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00



Cross of Calvary is the ELCA church in town. We are an intergenerational (fancy word for young and old) community that follows Jesus out the building to where we live. We are all learners (disciples) here. This is a safe place to practice worship. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here. No matter your status in society (young, old, never-been-to-church, conservative, liberal, married, divorced, single, cranky, questioning, allergic-to-church...) you'll fit right in. Welcome!

Participation –

Bold type means all of us read or pray together. Out loud.

Regular type means the pastor or leader reads. Out loud.

Italic type is meant to highlight helpful instructions.

* Please stand as you are able.

Children in Church – They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter, really! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

Announcements – Prior to worship, please hand a note to Pastor with any announcements, including prayer requests.

Prayer requests for the Bulletin – Please fill out a request card and drop it in the offering plate to insure your request gets to the office.

Bathrooms – They are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

Exit Strategy – Nervous to stand in line and talk to the pastor? Just introverted enough that you'd like to slip away? It's okay. Slip out the side door. No one will be offended, really. We hope you met someone today, but not at the risk of fleeing in fright from too much attention.

Who to see, ask, share –

Matt Hausken, Pastor

Chelsey Bellig, Minister of Faith Formation

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