

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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Do What Is  
Good and Right

**Announcements**

**July 26, 2015**

# This Week At Cross of Calvary

<b>July 26</b>	<b>Worship</b> Kittelson Baptism	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Library reserved	6-8pm
<b>Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15am/7:00am
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Aug 2</b> <b>(Sun)</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:00am</b>

## **VOLUNTEERS for August 9:00**

**Communion** S Altmann  
**Ushers** C Boen  
W Stucke  
C Sather  
D Revier  
**Altar Guild** S Larson  
A Dietrich  
S Iverson

## August

- 2-6 VBS @ Our Savior's Lutheran, Bird Island; evenings 6-8:30pm
- 12 Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 14 Thiesse/Revier wedding
- 15 September "Follower" deadline
- 22 Benson/Damhof wedding
- 25 Assemble The Follower
- 29 Schwer bridal shower

Activities change periodically. Please check the website calendar at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net).



### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**"TheFollower" will NOT be printed for the month of August** due to the transition in our office. Those wanting a printed copy of the August Calendar and list of August birthdays can get one from the display case in the narthex (printed on bright pink paper). The deadline for submissions for the September "Follower" is August 15.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT!!** Thank you to those in the congregation who have submitted updated email addresses. Please keep an eye out for Cross of Calvary e-mailings using **Constant Contact**.

## 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 Wogan	<i>J Wogan</i>	Rhonda Stauffer	<i>T Kadelbach</i>

**Military** – Benjamin Johnson and Joshua Nelson

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

**JULY *Meals on Wheels: Last Week!***



*Volunteers are needed from Cross of Calvary for the south route M-F, July 27-31, and the north route on Fri, July 31. PLEASE check the board.*



**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.

**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:** Is it time to share your gifts and talents in becoming a foster parent? Renville County Human Services is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foster parents to children who are in need of a temporary home. Foster parents can be blended families, one or two parent families, retired or single.

The most important aspects of fostering a child is your willingness to provide a loving, safe and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time of separation, share their parenting gifts and receive reimbursement for their dedication and service to children.

Please call *Bonnie Lund, Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202* to find out more about how to become a foster parent for Renville County.

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**Open House "Shower" Benefit:** Matt and Linda Rham, Bird Island, lost their home and belongings in a tragic house fire over the July 4 weekend. An Open House "shower" will be hosted by Steve & Dar Christiansen in their home at 310 Birch Ave, Bird Island, on Sat., August 1, from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Donations may also be delivered on any day at the Christiansen residence or at the George Paur Insurance Agency in Bird Island.

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**Take Note:**



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

July 26, 2015

# 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 verses from Sunday's readings.

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:*

*For learning about wisdom and instruction,*

*for understanding words of insight. Proverbs 1:1-2*

*For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 1 Peter 3:17*

**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 1:1-9, 1 Peter 3:8-17, *Do What is Good and Right*

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 to you?**

**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. Post the rewritten sayings on your refrigerator where you can view them throughout the week.**

**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 –

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