**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

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**April 26 – May 3**

**All Worship services will be posted on the webpage: crossofcalvary.net or Facebook**

Sunday 4-26 **Sunday Worship**

Monday 4-27

Tuesday 4-28

Wednesday 4-29 WOW online 3:15 – 4:00 PM

 Confirmation – starting next Wednesday 4/29

Thursday 4-30

Friday 5-1

Saturday 5-2 **Worship**

Sunday 5-3 **Worship**

There are women from Cross of Calvary who are sewing much needed masks. If you are someone who sews, or have inherited sewing items, please take a look in your things to see if there is any elastic 1/4 in wide or ANY that can be cut down? Ace bandages? Or 1 inch buttons? Or shoe laces16 inches and longer?   Elastic is not available to buy right now and masks are still needed.  If you can contribute any of these items, please drop off at the back door of 906 West Ash Ave in Olivia (in the alley near the library).  Thank you!



**Looking for a God sighting, where God has been at work in your life!**

Pastor Matt is looking for persons that have felt God’s presence in their life. It could be when you are walking, listening to music, etc. He would like you to video your experience and send a short video to him to share at Sunday services. (It can anonymous or you can appear in the video)

**During this time of uncertainty giving is even more important. We are asking our members to consider giving their offering through our website.crossofcalvary.net

 Online giving is fast, safe, and secure.

**GIVING ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS**

at Cross of Calvary

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net

2) Click on the GIVE button,

3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then

4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

You can also mail in your offering to the church office at

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN 56277

Also available: a secure drop box has been placed on the east side of the church. Please don’t leave offering in the church mailbox, we ask that you use the secure dropbox.

**Community Garden at Cross of Calvary**

Garden plots are available for anyone in our community. Cost is $20 to help with water and upkeep. If you can’t pay that, scholarships are available. Plot includes 10 x 10 foot garden plot, tilling, access to grapes, raspberries, asparagus, rhubarb and herbs.

Contact Sue Altmann crossofcalvary@gmail.com if you’re interested.

**The Snowflake Bazaar Committee needs YOU!**

We are in need of some new members to carry on this very fun and successful church event! Currently our committee consists of 5 members, who are looking to pass on the torch and would still be available for this year’s event as a transition. Please contact Dana Boen if you are interested, or if you have any questions. (Dana #320-894-7885) Thanks for your consideration!

**Cross of Calvary Youth**

**Confirmation parents and students – please set your calendars**

**Update: Confirmation will resume on Wednesday: April 29th. Pastor Matt will be sending a video and worksheet to each of you to work on. Then your small group leaders will be checking in on you for any questions or concerns. The worksheet will need to be completed and turned into Pastor Matt!! (Either by email or dropped off in the drop box on the east side of the church)**

 **Confirmation will go into May.**

**Seniors and Parents – this is happening one way or another!**

Senior Recognition will be on April 17th. Cross of Calvary would still like to honor our Graduating seniors by putting together a video that will be placed on the website to view by all. (Sue will be contact the families by letter with what is needed.)

**Bible Study for anyone!** - “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado is a study I started on March 25. I invite you to join me in doing this study being offered free on faithgateway.com. The book, study, and videos are all free on the site. There is a schedule for each week, so we can be going through it together. We can set up a zoom meeting to discuss or just call each other. Let me know if you want to be in a group.

**Senior High Games and Bible Study** - I will send out a Bible Study talk sheet each week in our text groups with a zoom meeting time. You are welcome to join, or do it on your own. I encourage you to participate in this opportunity to grow while we are apart, not because only you need it, but I do too! Please feel free to call me, snap me, text me, or email me at anytime to talk, or play a game. Battleship on FaceTime is my new favorite. 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com

**Breakfast club** will continue on Thursday mornings for 10-12 graders. I will send out a text for the time. Get up and make your own breakfast and we will meet for 20-30 min doing highs and lows, and a devotion and prayer.

**Junior high - Movie nights!** Each week I will list a movie for you to watch and some questions to answer. Please call, facetime, text, or email me if you want to talk or hang out. 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com. Please text me with your name and I will save your number.

**Online Sunday school** will be posted on Facebook after the weekly worship service. Tune in for a song, story and activity that you can do at home.

**Boundless: God beyond measure** is the theme for the National Youth gathering in 2021, June 29-July 3 in Minneapolis. It is based on Ephesians 3:19 CEV.If you are now in grades 8-11, you will be eligible to attend this event. Please sign up on the drinking fountain board/youth board if you are interested. Put the dates on your calendar and start raising money. Check this link to get a preview. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghdWHO5Ajkw&t=8s>



**Prayer Request**

Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed. 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 320- 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.

Sam Hennen –Betsy Hennen grandson

**ALL** persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic

Phil Bahl – Nate Bahl father

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family

Evelyn & Greg Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach brother and sister –in-law

Camden Serbus– Taylor & Tanya Serbus’s son

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother

Military personal and their families

Mark Grasmon

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon’s brother

John Johnston

**Cross of Calvary Spring Flower Sales – Cancelled, but an option below!**

Since we all know how wonderful their flowers are, if you would still like to purchase something beautiful to look at this summer, please do not hesitate to jump in your car and make haste to Dundee Nursery in Hutchinson.  They have a wide selection, including the selection of flowers that you are used to purchasing.  Everyone needs something beautiful in their life!

Below is their address and phone number.  Their hours of services MAY differ due to COVID-19 but as of now they ARE open for business.  I believe they will also take orders over the phone so that you can simply pick them up at the door.   If you order: mention Cross of Calvary and you will receive a discount.

Dundee Nursery and Floral

1150 MN 7

Hutchinson, MN   55350 (320) 587-4664

**APRIL 26, 2020 **

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***Our eyes have been opened to see the Lord.***

***DAILY BIBLE READINGS***

*These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.*

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| **Sunday**  | **Luke 24:13-35**  | **Road to Emmaus**  |
| **Monday**  | **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**  | **The first converts**  |
| **Tuesday**  | **1 Peter 1:17-23**  | **A call to holy living**  |
| **Wednesday**  | **Matthew 8:5-13**  | **Jesus heals a centurion servant**  |
| **Thursday**  | **Matthew 9:2-7**  | **Jesus heals a paralytic**  |
| **Friday**  | **Matthew 14:13-21**  | **Feeding the five thousand**  |
| **Saturday**  | **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**  | **Thanksgiving for illness recovery**  |
| **Sunday**  | **Matthew 3:1-12**  | **Christ the shepherd**  |

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” **Luke 24:32 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Holy God, may your word and the community of faith open our eyes and our hearts to your living presence within us and among us through the risen Christ. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus had their eyes opened to you through the breaking of bread, open our eyes now with thankful hearts for this meal. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of hope open your eyes to the presence of the risen Lord and fill you with joy.

**Hymn of the Week**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

 When and where have you felt God’s presence?

 Have you ever had an experience where you didn’t recognize the impact until later? Explain.

 What Bible story or Bible verse or song helps you feel the presence of God?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Luke 24:13-35.

We have within us the desire for the divine in our lives. As Christians, we want to see Jesus as Lord. We want to have our hearts burning within us. That may have happened weeks ago on Easter Sunday in worship with all the pageantry, song, and community gathered together to “break bread” (v. 35). Interestingly, for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, even though they had the risen Lord with them and he was teaching them the Scriptures, it was not until the breaking of the bread that he was revealed to them and they acknowledged that their hearts had been burning within them. Perhaps the sense of the divine in our lives is best recalled in retrospect. We are not in control of the divine in our lives. God is. The Holy Spirit uses human stories, the Bible, and the breaking of bread in community to create the burning in our hearts that we want to recall and talk about again and again. This is what happened to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. When has your heart burned with the sense of God’s presence in your life?

*Pray:* **Creator God, give us eyes to see and hearts that burn for the joy of your presence through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

Peter tells the first converts to “Repent, and be baptized” (Acts 2:38a). Baptism is not something we often talk about in our daily lives. If you know of someone who has been thirsting to know about baptism, be willing to have that conversation and seek out the help of others, if needed.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The acronym **ACTS** (**A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication) was introduced during Lent as a way to experience prayer in our daily lives. Add a little extra movement to your prayers this week and make the shape of each letter as you pray: (**A**) I praise God for..., (**C**) forgive me for..., (**T**) I thank you for…, (**S**) I pray for …., and finish with amen.

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.