



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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July 12 – July 19

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook – thru end of July.

Sunday 7-12

Worship - online

Monday 7-13

Tuesday 7-14

Financial Peace University 8:PM

Wednesday 7-15

Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM

Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

Thursday 7-16

Friday 7-17

Worship - online

Saturday 7-18

Worship – online

Sunday 7-19

Baptism

Christ in Our Home: (July, August & September) is now available at the church, stop by and pick up a copy.

Women's Bible Study – contact Jeni Skeie if interested in joining. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:15 AM, either in person or via Zoom.

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)



Offering

A huge Thank You for giving so generously!



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.

Cross of Calvary Youth



DAY CAMP with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

"We are the church" Matthew 18:20

Day Camp will be free this year for everyone! Since you'll be using online resources, anyone can do this whenever you want, no matter where you live! Invite all your friends!

Each day has a different theme and Bible focus with Opening Worship, crafts, outdoor activities, treat ideas, story time, "randomness" and Closing Worship! All activities and a list of supplies are on the website. They use common items you have at home.

Some ideas on how to participate:

- watch the whole day of videos (about 1 hour) then decide what activities to do.
- spread out the activities for a whole week and make each "day" last a week.
- do the whole thing in a week.
- use it on the weekends.

However you want to do it, just enjoy it! Your kids will love it!!! I have been watching the videos and they are so FUN!!

Message me if you need help or have questions, Jeni Skeie at (320) 579-0406 or jeniskeie@gmail.com

How do I find Day Camp?

Go to gllm.org to the bars at the top right corner to Summer Camp, to Day Camp at Home. Scroll down to "Day Camp Videos" and slide to playlists, choosing the playlist for day 1 or whatever day you are on. Day camp is going to look different this year, but it will still be a wonderful time to explore God's love through stories, songs and activities.

Please send me pictures so we can celebrate this time of fun and learning together as a congregation.

DAILY ACTIVITY MATERIALS

DAY CAMP AT HOME · WE ARE THE CHURCH



DAY ONE MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Markers
- Scissors
- Paper

Arts and Crafts:

- Plain white paper
- Pencil
- Markers
- Scissors

Nature Project:

- Paper
- Markers
- List of outdoor items (pdf link available)

Snack Idea:

- Apples
- Yogurt
- Favorite yogurt topping (granola, fruit, etc.)
- Knife
- Cutting board

Afternoon Activity:

- Construction paper/paper
- Markers

DAY TWO MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Paper
- Markers/crayons
- Plates
- Bread
- Construction paper cut into strips

Arts and Crafts:

- Wax paper
- Glue (and a small cup to mix glue and water in)
- Paint brush
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Construction paper

Nature Project:

- 4 sticks about the same length
- 10 rocks
- Paint and paintbrush

Snack Idea:

- Sandwich making supplies
- Toothpicks
- Knife and cutting board

Afternoon Activity:

- Sidewalk chalk

DAY THREE MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Writing utensils
- Scissors
- Paper

Arts and Crafts:

- Coffee filters
- Paper plates
- Squir bottle with water
- Markers

Nature Project:

- Recycled containers (juice/milk jug, etc.)
- Paint
- Box cutter/scissors
- Bird Seed
- Rope/yarn to hang finished project

Snack Idea:

- Pretzels
- Chocolate chips
- Milk
- Pot to melt chocolate in
- Wax paper and pan

Afternoon Activity:

- A singing voice (doesn't have to be good!)
- Flower pots
- Paint
- Plants/seeds and soil

DAY FOUR MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Paper
- Markers

Arts and Crafts:

- Paper plate
- Hole puncher
- Yarn
- Scissors

Nature Project:

- 2 pieces of plain paper
- Markers
- Stapler

Snack Idea:

- Tube of cinnamon roll dough
- Pan

Afternoon Activity:

- Trash bags
- Gloves

Camp at Home with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is also online. They post morning worship every day as well as activities. Each worship features a guest speaker for the message. Elsa Skeie shares on Wednesday, June 24. Sister Sarah Hausken shares on Friday, June 26. You can find these on their YouTube page. Start at gllm.org, to Camp at home. Have fun and send us pics!

Youth and Adults - If you are looking for something devotional, short and sweet, check out this one!!! It is refreshing and current. It includes an opening, scripture, message, prayer and benediction and you could read the whole thing in about 1-2 minutes. When you subscribe, it is emailed to you every morning. I love it. <https://d365.org>. It's a joint effort by the Presbyterian Church and a few other denominations.

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.



Connor Blad – son of Jen & Ryan Blad

Tony Lentz – Danielle Larson father

Avery and Sawyer Kopel – children of Courtney and Zach Kopel

Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister

Carol Horrmann – family

Charlene Norris – Family

Kraig Christoffer – Kathy Aumer brother

Donna Greenwell

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

July 12, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

As Rain from the Clouds

God delivers abundant harvests.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower
Monday	Romans 8:1-11	Life in the Spirit
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's word is powerful
Wednesday	Psalms 119:105-112	Light from the Lord's law
Thursday	Genesis 25:19-34	Esau and Jacob
Friday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Give with generosity
Saturday	Psalms 65:1-13	Thanksgiving for earth's bounty
Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Psalm 65:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of abundant grace and mercy, help us to receive your word of life that we may be your good soil to grow in faith and share your word with others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant harvests, we thank you for your eternal care that blesses us with daily food through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Through the Spirit of Christ, may you go out in joy, and be led back in peace. (Isaiah 55:12)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Do you talk about your faith as part of daily conversations? Why or why not?
- ☑ Have you ever planted a garden? If so, what was it like?
- ☑ How does God's word get planted into your life like a seed planted into good soil?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 55:10-13.

Yes, we have an awesome God, as noted in Psalm 65:5. In Isaiah 55 that awesomeness is expressed through God's word that is powerful. It does what God intends. It is productive. Isaiah 55 announces the return from exile for God's people. God's word, God's will shall accomplish it. This text is often used at the ordination of a pastor or a deacon. However, could we not also use it at weddings, baptisms, and any other occasion that celebrates God's people living together in faith, hope, and love? God's word is given for all of us to speak aloud to one another for our encouragement and growth in life and faith. God's word at a meal creates thankful hearts for the abundance of God's love with daily food. God's word at morning, evening, or at bedtime reminds us of the eternal care of God as those in whom the Spirit of Christ dwells and for whom there is no condemnation (Romans 8:1 and 11). Let's be wasteful as we cast God's word into all the corners of the earth, landing on all kinds of soil that God's word may sprout and produce an abundant harvest (Matthew 13:23). Who has blessed you with God's word recently? How did it impact your life?

Pray: Creative God, may the Spirit of Christ create in me the good soil to receive your word and grow in grace. Amen.

SERVICE

Plants of the earth not only serve as metaphors for the kingdom of God, but of God's life sustaining work in creation. Join a community garden, plant a garden in your own yard, or find a way to support the vital work of local farmers.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields" (Matthew 13:23a). Take a sheet of paper and write "Good Soil" across the bottom. Draw a fruit tree with a trunk, leaves, and fruit. On each drawing of fruit, write different ways you show God's love to others. Read what you have written and think or talk about how your "fruits" help you and others grow in their faith.