



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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January 3 – January 10

Sunday 01.03

Worship - Online

Monday 01.04

Tuesday 01.05

Financial Peace University starts 8:30 PM

Wednesday 01.06

Confirmation – On line

Thursday 01.07

Friday 01.08

Saturday 01.09

Sunday 01.10

Worship – In person



Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting was set to take place on January 17th, 2021. Due to the Corona Virus the Church Council has voted to postpone the meeting to mid-March. If you have any information that needs to go into the Annual Meeting booklet, please have the information to the church office by the end of January.

Thank you

Offering Envelopes are here!!!

Please stop by the church and pick your box up!

They will be placed in your mailbox, if you do not have a mailbox, they will be placed on the bench in the Narthex.



You haven't heard your favorite hymn in a long time? Please contact someone on the worship committee or call the office to request your favorite hymns. Songs are meaningful and lead us to worship. Help us to include your favorite hymns and worship songs.

Confirmation lessons (GREAT for ALL AGES) are taught online by Pastor Matt - they are excellent. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. Check them out on Matt Hausken YouTube channel, or our church website under youth/confirmation. Each video is 20-25 minutes long. Have your Bible and Highlighter handy. Only 7-9 graders need to send in the assignments. (Wink wink!)

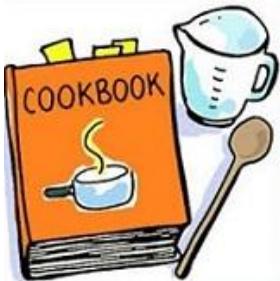
January Confirmation Schedule

On - line

Church Cookbook Project

Dear Cross of Calvary Members,

In years past, Cross of Calvary has put together a cookbook of recipes from its members. Since 2020 has been a crazy year and we've been spending more time at home, I figure it's time to make an updated cookbook. In this new cookbook we would include old recipes from the past cookbooks and we would also like to include recipes from our new members. Feel free to send in recipes, old or new! All recipes will be included. If you'd like to submit recipes, email your submissions to Olivia Hanson - ojhanson0220@gmail.com if you'd like to help put the cookbook together or have suggestions, text or call 320-400-9005. Thank you! - Olivia Hanson



Women's study will be on zoom. We will be using the book "Lazarus Awakening" by Joanna Weaver (author of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World). We will be finding our place in the heart of God.

Our next topic: Isaiah



Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

Bible Story for December 29 – January 4

Luke 2:22-40

Stark Story Bible - Simeon and Anna, Page 226

Faith @ Home Toolbox

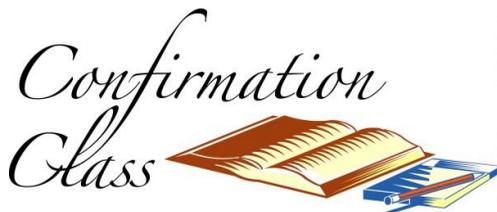
We have had a wonderful time sharing Faith @ Home Toolboxes. For those of you who missed it, we'll be sharing them after Sunday 9:00 AM worship throughout the year. If we don't see you before the end of year, we'll contact you to schedule a time to give you your Faith @ Home Toolbox and teach you how to use it. Weekly Faith 5 Bible stories will be posted at on our website.

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Faith 5

This simple faith practice deeply connects people to God and one another, and connects faith to daily life.

FAITH 5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health.



The five steps are:

STEP 1: SHARE your highs and lows

STEP 2: READ a Bible verse or story

STEP 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows or notice what stands out to you in the Bible reading

STEP 4: PRAY for one another's highs and lows

STEP 5: BLESS one another. One examples of a blessing is "I love you and God loves you too"

Stephen Ministers are available to visit in person or over the phone if you are in need of someone to talk to about decisions, or you are feeling lonely. During this time when we are physically apart, we want to walk along beside you and want you to know we are here for you. Please call the church office and Sue can pass on your request. 320-523-1574

Worship Times

All services will be on-line only through January 3rd, 2021

Keep watching for updates on when we will have in-person services, the goal is January 10th.



in the church yard.

320-523-1574

Cross of Calvary Yard Signs are here!

Show your Cross of Calvary pride with a beautiful green and white yard sign!

Request yours by contacting the church office or take a sign that has been placed



Care Team A goal of the Care Team at Cross of Calvary has been to develop a Prayer Ministry for our congregation. After reading from Establishing a Prayer Ministry by Bjorn Pedersen, we are including the entire congregation in this ministry rather than limiting it to a telephone chain, or email chain or text chain. A January Prayer Calendar for each of us to post or place in an area in our home, has been placed in the Follower. We can be reminded to pray for others every day and see how the power of prayer works in our lives. We welcome your feedback and hope that you will feel free to email Jeni with your ideas for future calendars.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class

Our next class will begin right when you'll need it on January 5, 2021.

Want to register? Have questions? Contact Sister Sarah Hausken sarah.hausken@gmail.com
320-579-0838

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.



Prayer Request

Sonia Grasmon – Family & Friends

Marlin

Hanson – Family & Friends

Gena Amsden – Family & Friends

Sharon Alton

– Family & Friends

Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family

Steve Olson – Family

Denise Revier – Family

Ralph Taylor – Becky Nelson's father

Sherry Wold – Courtney Kopel grandmother

Sonja Fostvedt – family

Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister

Chet & Angie Boen – Friends & Family

Donna Greenwell

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother

Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson

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

Military personal and their families

January 3, 2020

Second Sunday After Christmas

Jesus enters our world full of grace and truth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Israel will return to its own land
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 2:1-12	The visit of the wise men
Thursday	Colossians 1:15-23	The person and work of Christ
Friday	Genesis 1:1-4	God creates light
Saturday	Psalms 147:12-20	Sing and praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 1:4-11	The baptism of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for blessing us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Amen. (Ephesians 1:3)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who give us food to eat and Jesus to meet, thank you for your abundant love that comes to us from above. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God shine the light of Christ, full of grace and truth, on you now and always.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ❑ What are some of your memories of the Christmas season this past year?
- ❑ In what ways can you focus on Jesus' birth during the 12 days of Christmas?
- ❑ Is it important to you that Jesus, God the Son, became human? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 1:1-18.

The Gospel of John does not have a birth story like Matthew or Luke. In a sense, this is John's birth story, but instead of talking about Mary, Joseph, and Bethlehem, John speaks about what Jesus' birth means for us: light for the world; the Word of God becomes human in Jesus Christ; through the Word that is Jesus, we are given grace and truth; we are given grace upon grace; all that God intends for us is shown to us through God's only Son, Jesus. John places all of this in the context of the creation story. In the Genesis creation story, God speaks and light, sky, dry land, and all of creation happens. In John 1 this speaking God is portrayed as the Word that has now taken on human form in Jesus. Through Jesus the Word now reveals something, God's grace and truth intended for all that God has made. It is a promise of abundance that lavishes God's goodness on earth through Jesus. This Jesus, the Word become flesh, will turn water into wine (John 2:1-11) and later in his ministry state that he brings the abundant life (John 10:10), all of which flows out of John's opening statement about the Word that becomes flesh and is full of grace and truth. How do you experience God's grace and truth in daily life?

Pray: God of grace and truth, we thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word that became human and speaks to us and gives us your abundant love and mercy. Amen.

SERVICE

All the Scripture readings this week speak of God's abundant love showered on God's people. We live in a world where not all people have enough to eat or have adequate shelter. How can you take action steps to be the hands, feet, and voice of God's love to others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During Advent and the Christmas season, we light candles to symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus. Place a candle as a centerpiece on your dinner table this week. Before each meal, as you light the candle:

Say: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Angels from the Realms of Glory