



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 30 – February 7

Saturday 01.30

Sunday 01.31

Monday 02.01

Tuesday 02.02

Wednesday 02.03

Thursday 02.04

Friday 02.05

Saturday 02.06

Sunday 02.07

Funeral: Kathy Johnson at 2:00 PM

Worship – In person

Fellowship in use at 6:30 PM

Financial Peace University at 8:30 PM

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Confirmation –8th Grade in person

Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Worship – In person



Individual Church Financial Statements are available in the hall mailboxes or on the bench

Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting will be March 14th, after the 9:00 AM service.



All organizations need to turn in the following to the church office by Friday, February 12th, 2021 for auditing:

1. Checkbooks and Bank Statements
2. Financial Reports for the Annual Report
3. Report of Activities for the year.

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.

Another easy way to give anywhere and anytime is through our secure online giving portal on our webpage:

<https://crossofcalvary.net/> or think about setting up automated monthly or quarterly gifts...



Worship Times

Sunday, January 31st at 9:00 AM only – In person

(Mask required, please stay home if you are not feeling well, service will also be online)



Lenten Worship Schedule – in person

Lenten Services: Wednesdays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st. **Maundy Thursday, April 1st.**

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!)

February Confirmation Schedule

8th Grade in person on February 3rd

9th Grade in person on February 10th

Thrivent members: 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2021.



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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



We will begin a study on Isaiah for women, beginning Thursday, Feb 4 at 8:30am - 9:30am. We are meeting on zoom for now. Pick up a book at church, and leave your email address for the zoom link. If anyone is interested in an evening time, please let me know.



SUMMER CAMP!

"Guided by the Light" is the theme at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries – Summer Camp 2021! The camping ministry has spent time learning ways to be open this summer for growing in faith through fun, games, activities and learning. For more information visit the website at www.gllm.org.

Summer Camp registration opens January 25, 2021 and the Early Bird Discount of \$40 ends on March 1, 2021.

Cross of Calvary offers great financial support for each student who attends camp. Pick up a scholarship form at church on the youth board or one will be emailed to you. This form helps you to see all the scholarships available. We will be celebrating CAMP SUNDAY on January 17 and 24, with camp songs, skits and more information about camp. We will also announce which week Cross of Calvary staff will be at camp if you want to go on a week when others from our church are going. We missed out on camp last year, but it is back - don't miss it! If you have any questions, please call Jeni 320-579-0406 or Sister Sarah 320-579-0838.

Watch for dates for Day Camp - where we bring Green Lake and Shores Bible Camp staff to Cross of Calvary for kids who have finished grades K-6! We will run June 28th – July 1st, Monday - Thursday, 1-4PM. There is a camp program for everyone!

Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

February 2-8

1 Samuel 17: 4-11, 32-50

Spark Story Bible – David and Goliath, page 130

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook – David and Goliath, page 98

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"

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

Family of Kathy Johnson
Sonia Grasmon – Family & Friends
Marlin Hanson – Family & Friends
Sharon Alton – Family & Friends
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family
Steve Olson – Family
Denise Revier – Family
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



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

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

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.

New Council Members Needed!

We are in need of new council members to serve on our council beginning Mid-March 2021. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact a current council member, church office (320-523-1574) or Pastor Matt
(It is a 3 year term and the council meets once a month)

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Jesus casts out unclean spirits.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue
Monday	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	A new prophet like Moses
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Love builds up others
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-40	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	Exodus 15:22-27	Bitter water made sweet
Friday	1 John 4:1-6	Testing the spirits
Saturday	Psalm 111	Praise for God's wonderful works
Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." Mark 1:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, lead us to trust in your reign of justice and mercy that heals the wounded and lifts up the lowly through Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, help us to be mindful of your goodness, including this gift of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy One of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, give you faith, hope, and love.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ Think or tell about a time you were jealous.
- ☒ How is the feeling of jealousy harmful to you and others?
- ☒ What difference does it make that Jesus has power over unclean spirits (like jealousy) in our lives?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:21-28.

In the Gospel of Mark, this is Jesus' first recorded act in public ministry. It sets the direction and tone for Mark, and it is a doozy. In our modern world where data and verifiable research is relied on more than speaking about spirits—unclean or not—the narrative can lead to many understandable questions. However, the conclusion is clear: Jesus speaks and acts with an authority not experienced by the people in the Capernaum synagogue. All the people were amazed. The unclean spirits know who Jesus is, the Holy One of God. In Jesus' kingdom, such knowledge is not enough. He silences the unclean spirits. Jesus will be gathering followers like Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John (vv. 14-20) who will worship, serve, and place their trust in Jesus. He comes with the message and authority of God. Jesus presents the reign of God that breaks down barriers. He brings God's purity and holiness to people and places not reached before. It's the ministry and the message that will not be silenced. Jesus brought life-changing experiences to the people. What life-changing experience have you had?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to witness to and be followers of your reign of love, reconciliation, and healing through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

In 1 Corinthians 8, it was not good enough that people had the right information, even the right understanding of the Christian faith. They needed to act out of love because "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." Think of someone with whom you have differing opinions. Pray that you may be able to see beyond your differences and reach out to the other person with a spirit of love and a listening ear.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

February 2 is the Church festival day for the "Presentation of the Lord." The festival recalls that forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented at the temple in Jerusalem. This festival is also known as "Candlemas" because of the tradition of blessing candles for use throughout the coming year. This is associated with Simeon's words about Jesus being "a light to reveal God to the nations." Choose a new candle to light and use this year as part of your devotions.

Then end with this prayer: Lord God, thank you for giving us Jesus as a bright light in our lives.

Bless us as we gather around this candle this year. May it remind us that Jesus is with us. Amen.