



**Cross of Calvary**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### February 7 – February 14

**Sunday 02.07**

**Worship – In person**

**Monday 02.08**

**Tuesday 02.09**

**Financial Peace University at 8:30 PM**

**Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM**

**Wednesday 02.10**

**Confirmation –9<sup>th</sup> Grade in person**

**Thursday 02.11**

**Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 AM**

**Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM**

**Friday 02.12**

*Annual Report Information due*

**Saturday 02.13**

**Sunday 02.14**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 AM service.



**All organizations need to turn in the following to the church office by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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!!!**



### **Worship Times**

**Sunday, February 7th 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## February Confirmation Schedule

9<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday (No Confirmation)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

**You're invited to join us for a Childcare Provider Appreciation Event:** A virtual event on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Register by using the QR code (Open up your camera and hold the QR code) .The invite and QR code is posted on the church website under Church Online – Weekly Bulletin

### Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice Annual Grief Support Group Opportunity – Virtually!

The **Adult Grief Group** is sponsored by Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice. The Sessions will be held on Mondays February 15<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 4-6 PM – Virtually. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-523-3451 to register or online at [Oliviahospital.com](http://Oliviahospital.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://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 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.

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 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday - Thursday, 1-4PM. There is a camp program for everyone!



## **Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School**

### **Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story**

**February 9-15**

**Mark 9: 2-9**

**Spark Story Bible – The Transfiguration, Page 358**

**Jesus Calling Bible Storybook – The Glory of Jesus, page 202**

### **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  
Family of Marlin Hanson  
Family of Sherry Wold  
Sonia Grasmon – Family & Friends  
Sharon Alton – Family & Friends  
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family  
Steve Olson – Family  
Denise Revier – Family  
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)

# February 7, 2021

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



*Jesus heals as he preaches and teaches.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	Psalms 41	A prayer in time of sickness
Thursday	James 5:13-18	Remember to pray
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[B]ut those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, you strengthen the powerless; send us out with your message of love and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 40:29)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you feed us with care and put rain upon the earth that your love we may share that gives all a new birth. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord renew your strength with wings like eagles, that you may run and not be weary, that you shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

### 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:

- ☒ Talk or think about a time you have felt sick or weary?
- ☒ When you or someone you know has been ill, what has helped the recovery?
- ☒ Jesus brings good news that is filled with acts of love that heals lives. What is something in your life that you would like healed?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Mark 1:29-39.**

Does Jesus make a difference in this world or is he just a great guy with a sweet message and philosophy for a successful life? The world wants to know and the church needs to be able to answer in the affirmative: Yes, Jesus makes the difference for our world. This story from Mark 1 certainly believes it. The message that Jesus announces is more than words. It comes with actions that change lives. The hurts of the world find themselves at Jesus' feet again and again. Jesus doesn't have to go out and search for people in need. We all have a need for the kingdom that Jesus announces and lives. Demons are cast out, people are healed, Jesus prays, and his march forward into a world of need continues. Faith in Jesus is believing—at least wanting to believe—that Jesus makes the difference we need for hope and healing, peace and love. How does faith in Jesus make a difference in your world and the world of others?

Pray: God of hope and healing, lead us into the world with good news that serves and loves others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Think of someone you know who is in need of healing. Send that person a card to let them know you are thinking of them or call, if possible, and take time to brighten their day through conversation. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Christians are a praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Jesus gives us a model for a faithful prayer life when he seeks out time to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35-37). Set aside time to be alone in prayer this week to give God thanks and pray for Jesus' healing for others. Close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.