



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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February 14 – February 21

Sunday 02.14

Worship – In person

Monday 02.15

Tuesday 02.16

Financial Peace University at 8:30 PM

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 02.17

No Confirmation

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon & 7:00 PM

Drive by ashes: 1:00 – 6:30 PM by appointment only

Church Council Mtg. after service – in person

Thursday 02.18

Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 02.19

Saturday 02.20

Sunday 02.21

Worship – In person

Fellowship Hall in use from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Annual Meeting

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



Ash Wednesday Services will be on Wednesday, February 17th at noon and 7:00 PM. Ashes have been mailed to all members to be used if unable to attend worship service. If you would prefer to have ashes placed on you forehead by Pastor Matt and are uncomfortable coming in person services, please call the church office to set up a time for Pastor Matt to meet you outside and he will come out to your car.

This will be offered between 1:00 – 6:30 PM by appointment only. 320-523-1574 (Wed. only)



2021 Lent Schedule – in person

Ash Wednesday, February 17th noon & 7 PM

Lenten Mid-week Services: Wednesdays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

February Confirmation Schedule

February 17th – Ash Wednesday (No Confirmation)

7th Grade in person on February 24th at 6:00 PM

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 15th through April 5th, 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.

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 have begun a study on Isaiah for women. 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 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 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 16-22

Genesis 9:8-17

Spark Story Bible – Noah's Art, page 20

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook – The Story of Noah, page 30

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

Bonnie Gillen – from Cindy Thiesse

Arianna Stoltzman – niece of Robin Amberg

McKenna McDowell – Elaine McDowell
granddaughter

Mike Brown - Family

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 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.



BOOK CLUB is coming your way! You want to be in a Bible Study but have a crazy busy life. I loved "Lazarus Awakening" by Joanna Weaver so much, I want to offer a once per month book club and share it with more people. You can order your own book. We can start in February, but I need you to let me know what night and time works best. Contact Jeni at 320-579-0406.

Youth Fundraiser

This is a GREAT money maker!!

This year's fundraiser will begin at the end of the February. Look for more information in the upcoming announcements and emails. Sales will run February 28th through March 28th. Pick up of sales will be on April 18th.



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 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Listen to Jesus, The Beloved.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	Psalm 51	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Genesis 3:17-19	You are dust
Friday	James 1:19-25	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalm 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Mark 9:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heavenly glory, like Peter, James, and John, may we see glimpses of your radiance and be encouraged for our life of faith in your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

God of abundance, we thank you for this food, a beautiful sign of your loving presence and care for us through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory and the Beloved Son of God shine brightly on you today.

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:

- ☐ Tell or think about an experience that reminded you of God's loving presence.
- ☐ When something wonderful happens, do you relate it to your faith? Why or why not?
- ☐ How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for his disciples?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah present is a heavenly moment as Jesus and his disciples make their way to Jerusalem, Golgotha, and the empty tomb. And, perhaps, that is what is so valuable and instructive about it. Jesus is headed to rejection, persecution, and a painful and shameful death. In our daily life as sojourners on earth and followers of Jesus, we, too know suffering of various kinds. We need—yes, perhaps even Jesus needed—a reminder that the road of life leads not just to suffering and death but to the fulfillment of God's promise of life and salvation. The heavenly voice that spoke at Jesus' baptism speaks again about Jesus as God's Beloved Son. What is added here is the critical admonition to listen to Jesus. In both Hebrew and Greek, to listen conveys the element of obedience. You listen to the one you are willing to obey, and the one you obey you hear with full attention. As we follow our crucified Lord through life, let us pay attention, listen closely, and seek faithful obedience to Jesus, the one who bestows on us God's heavenly glory. How do you listen closely to Jesus?

Pray: Almighty and everlasting God, may we see glimpses of your glory that day by day we may listen and obey our Lord Jesus Christ with faith and confidence. Amen.

SERVICE

In 2 Kings 2:1-12 God passes Elijah's mantle to Elisha. In the Bible God routinely passes on leadership from one person to another, like Abraham to Isaac, Jacob to Joseph, Moses to Joshua, and Elijah to Elisha. Who is someone you can encourage and support as a leader and servant of God this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is Transfiguration Sunday. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white. This was an amazing experience for the disciples. Think or talk about experiences you have had where you felt close to God. They are sacred moments. Spend time this week reading the Bible and reflecting on God's word. If you have children, use a children's storybook Bible.