



Cross of Calvary

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February 21 – February 28

Sunday 02.21

Worship – In person

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

Monday 02.22

Tuesday 02.23

Financial Peace University at 8:30 PM

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 02.24

Confirmation

Lent Service at 7:00 PM

Thursday 02.25

Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 02.26

Sue out of office, all day

Saturday 02.27

Fellowship Hall in use all day (CPR class)

Sunday 02.28

Worship – In person

Annual Meeting

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



2021 Lent Schedule – in person

Lenten Mid-week Services: Wednesdays, February 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

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!

Please contact Jeni or Sister Sarah (phone #'s are listed above) for scholarship information.

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

February 23-March 1

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Spark Story Bible – God's Promise to Abram, page 30

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook – God's Friend, page 42

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.



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.

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.

Youth Fundraiser

This is a GREAT money maker!!

This year's Papa Murphy's Pizza 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.



**Look for an email for all the information and forms.
The email will be sent, Thursday, February 25th at
noon.**

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 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent



God's mercy conquers evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24:10-17	Judgment on David's sin
Thursday	Titus 3:1-11	Maintain good deeds
Friday	Hebrews 4:14-16	Jesus is the great high priest
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Psalms 25:6 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, thank you for entering our lives and our world to confront all that is opposed to your reign of mercy through Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food, let us remember your steadfast love and mercy that gives us life that we may live with hope. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God lead you in truth and teach you the way of Christ our Lord. (Psalm 25:5)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- 📖 How would you describe evil?
- 📖 Tell or think about a time you felt tested or tempted to do something wrong.
- 📖 Jesus was tested by Satan. How is Jesus' confronting Satan in the wilderness a story of hope?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:9-15.

This text is a fitting beginning for the season of Lent. At Jesus' baptism God intervenes by opening up the heavens and speaking of Jesus as God's Beloved Son. Jesus is thrown into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to confront Satan, the personification of all that opposes God's reign. Jesus endures, and he is cared for by the angels of God. Jesus then begins his own public ministry following the arrest of John the Baptist. John's experience is a precursor to Jesus' own betrayal and arrest to fulfill all that God intends to do through the Beloved Son. And, then, Jesus goes out to do the work of the kingdom, the reign of God that has not been stopped by Satan and will not be stopped, ever. The preaching is simple: repent and believe in the good news of God's reign. Repentance is not about remorse but about turning around and going in another direction, toward God and what God can and will do. This Lent, we are reminded to trust the work of God that will defeat everything opposed to God's rule of steadfast love and mercy. How will you repent and focus on the reign of God in your life and in the world?

Pray: Almighty and merciful God, help us to trust your reign present now and forevermore through Jesus, your Beloved Son and our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

The story of Noah and the flood is a difficult story to grasp. The point of the story is that God's demand for justice (the flood) is finally outdone by God's mercy (a new beginning for creation for those on the ark). Justice does not stand alone. It needs mercy, especially in our world where no human has the wisdom of God to judge. Do you know someone who needs a word of mercy? Write a note to that person and pray for them this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a season filled with traditions that focus on discipline and discipleship. Choose a devotional space in your home. Consider laying out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place a candle and Bible on it. Read the Daily Bible Readings. Use the Prayer for the Week and add your own prayers. End the time by saying: Remember that you are God's, and to God you shall return.