



# *Cross of Calvary*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### **February 28 – March 7**

**Sunday 02.28**

**Worship – In person**

**Monday 03.01**

**Fellowship Hall used from 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Tuesday 03.02**

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

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

**Wednesday 03.03**

**Confirmation – Grade 8**

**Lent Service at 7:00 PM**

**Thursday 03.04**

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

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

**Friday 03.05**

**Saturday 03.06**

**Sunday 03.07**

**Worship – In person**

**Jeni out of the office: March 5-13 & Sue out of office: March 5-8**

## **Annual Meeting**

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



### **2021 Lent Schedule – in person**

*Lenten Mid-week Services: Wednesdays,  
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*

### **March Confirmation Schedule**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade in person on March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**No Confirmation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class at 3:15 PM – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **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 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](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. 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!

**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 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

March 1-7 Third Sunday in Lent

Readings Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 19 (8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2: 13-22

## 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.

**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.

## **Prayer Request**

Family of Steve Helmer

Joanne Balgaard – Friends & Family

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

### **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)





**Are you ready for a Pizza Fundraiser?**  
**Everybody likes to buy pizza! It's an easy and delicious food to serve as Spring approaches and we are getting busy outside!**

Once again, Cross of Calvary is teaming up with Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza for a great fundraiser! This is a HUGE fundraiser for the youth!

Order forms and reminder slips are available in electronic format. If you are unable to print these at home or need extra copies, talk to Sue. Each customer should get a reminder slip after they pay. This is proof that they paid and also a reminder for them of the delivery day (April 18th, @ 10:30am - 12:00pm). This will be a drive through pick up on the South Side of the Church due to the pandemic. More details to come later.

Papa Murphy's is offering several of their most popular pizzas on the order blank. For each pizza you sell, you earn 20% for your youth account. Also available are One and Four Pound Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Classic Cheesy Bread and Cinnamon Wheel. These have been great add-on items and will also net your account 20% of the sale price! It helps considerably to limit our offerings—especially if it's an unusually large event. Due to the sheer number of pizzas we sometimes deal with, we cannot take orders for specialty made pizzas like “no onions” or “extra cheese”.

ALL MONEY SHOULD BE COLLECTED UP FRONT. This really helps on delivery day. First of all, it alleviates confusion when dozens of people are showing up to pick up their pizzas at the same time. Plus it gives them an incentive to actually pick up their pizza. Unfortunately, if someone promises to pick up a pizza and pay for it at the event, they sometimes don't try as hard to remember to come and get it.

**All checks should be made out to Cross of Calvary Youth.**

Order forms are located at the church or by request. (email)

**ALL ORDER FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH AT NOON! ANY ORDERS TURNED IN AFTER THAT WILL NOT BE VALID.**

**\*\*\* Due to the Pandemic, pizzas will be delivered outside when you drive up on the South Side of the Church. More details to be determined. \*\***

# February 28, 2021

## Second Sunday in Lent



*The difficulty and joy of discipleship.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

|           |                       |                               |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Mark 8:31-38          | Jesus predicts his death      |
| Monday    | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 | Sign of the covenant          |
| Tuesday   | Romans 4:13-25        | God's promise                 |
| Wednesday | 2 Timothy 2:1-13      | A good soldier of Christ      |
| Thursday  | 2 Timothy 2:14-26     | A worker approved by God      |
| Friday    | Proverbs 8:32-36      | Listen to what you are taught |
| Saturday  | Psalms 22:23-31       | Suffering and praise          |
| Sunday    | John 2:13-22          | Jesus cleanses the temple     |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Mark 8:35 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to remember that it is in giving that we receive and in caring for others that we experience the joy of following Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you satisfy us with this food and for all that blesses us this day, we give you thanks. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who gives life to the dead and who calls into existence things that do not exist bless you with faith. (Romans 4:17b)

### 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:

- ☐ What is something you didn't want to do because it was too difficult?
- ☐ Do you think it is difficult to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- ☐ How would you describe a life of faith that lives for others?

## DEVOTIONS

**Read: Mark 8:31-38.**

These are some of the most difficult words to hear as followers of Jesus. To truly live as people of God, we are to live for the needs of others, just as Jesus did. It is hard for Peter—and us—to hear that Christ must suffer and die a criminal's death before rising to glory. It is hard for us to imagine picking up the cross, the tool of torture and death, and courageously walk with it daily for the sake of the good news of Christ and the needs of others. The Gospel of Mark is not a happy text for disciples. The Gospel ends with Jesus' followers running away and Peter denying his Lord in the courtyard of the high priest. Our challenge is not to run away and deny the needs of others. According to Mark, we don't do this well. The good news is that Jesus never gives up on us. To the disciples who ran away from him and denied him, he says in essence, "meet me in Galilee, where your ministry and life will truly begin" (Mark 16:7). By the end of Mark, there are no great stories of bravery and success of the disciples. What exists is a promise that Jesus will go before them and be with them into the future. The disciples will continue to hear Jesus' words, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (v. 34). What have you found to be difficult to do as a follower of Jesus? What have you found to be a joy as a follower?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for never giving up on us as we seek to lovingly give of ourselves for the needs of others and the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SERVICE

Making pretzels is a Lenten tradition. Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Choose some people beyond your household to pray for by name this week. Make or buy pretzels to give to them as a sign that you are praying for them.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross, that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes suffering for him. This week make a cross from wood, card stock, or other materials. Hold the cross during your devotional time this week while reading the Daily Bible Readings. Say 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.