



*Cross of Calvary*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### **March 14 – March 21**

**Sunday 03.14**

**Worship – In person**

**Annual Meeting after 9:00 AM Service**

**Monday 03.15**

**Tuesday 03.16**

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

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

**Wednesday 03.17**

**Confirmation – Zoom**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class via Zoom at 5:00 PM**

**Lent Service at 7:00 PM**

**Thursday 03.18**

**Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM**

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

**Friday 03.19**

**Saturday 03.20**

**Sunday 03.21**

**Worship – In person**

## Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting today, after the 9:00 AM service.



### 2021 Lent Schedule – in person

*Lenten Mid-week Services: Wednesdays, March 17 and 24 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**

**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.**



**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.

# Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

## Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

**March 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19), Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21**

### 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.**

## Prayer Request

Susie Meyer – Family & Friends  
Lyle & Charlene Norris – Family & Friends  
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



**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. \*\***

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**Drive-up\***

# **BAKED HAM DINNER**

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ☞ 11:00 am-1:00 pm

## Menu

*Baked Ham w/Raisin & Cherry Sauce – Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans - Cole Slaw – Bun - Dessert*

**Tickets \$12.00**

*\*Enter on the east side of the church parking lot and follow the signs. Tickets available on day of dinner. Cash accepted or checks written to Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church. We will serve until we run out. Ticket donations go toward building improvements & missions. Hope to see you there!*

HELLO  
SPRING

# March 14, 2021

## Fourth Sunday in Lent



*God loves the whole world.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	The essence of the law
Thursday	1 John 5:1-5	Faith conquers the world
Friday	Zephaniah 3:14-20	The song of joy
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NRSV)

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of steadfast love, help us to remember that you hate nothing that you have created and that you love the world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who fed the Israelites in the wilderness, we thank you for feeding us today with this food and nourishing us with your love. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God who loves the world shine brightly on you with the light of Christ.



## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- Talk or think about something you really love to do.
- How do you show love for others?
- God created the whole world and loves it. What does that say about the kind of God we have?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: John 3:14-21.**

These words from Jesus are part of a conversation he is having with Nicodemus who had come to see Jesus by night. There is a contrast here between those who love the darkness (initially Nicodemus) and those who “come to the light” (v. 21). Nicodemus would eventually be drawn to the light by defending Jesus in front of the Pharisees (John 7:51-52) and preparing Jesus’ body after his crucifixion (John 19:39). In the Gospel of John, following and believing in Jesus can be a journey of coming to the light and gaining eternal life, as Nicodemus does. Darkness cannot choose light; it must be overcome by the light. The judgement of which Jesus speaks is remaining in the dark. Eternal life is having the light of Christ overcome the darkness that prevents us from seeing and loving Jesus. How has the light of Christ helped you in challenging times or times of darkness?

Pray: Merciful God, we thank you for your love for us that calls us out of darkness and to the light of Christ that we may not perish but have eternal life. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Numbers 21:4-9 records that God sent snakes among the people of Israel to punish them. But after Moses prayed for the people, God directed Moses to make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. When anyone who had been bitten looked at the snake, they were healed. The symbol of a snake on a pole is associated with medicine and health care. This week, plan an act of thanks and appreciation for a doctor, nurse, or medical worker in your community.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Martin Luther referred to John 3:16, the Scripture Verse for this Week, as “the gospel in miniature.” “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” This week, light a candle and read the Daily Bible Reading each day, then say the Prayer for the Week and a word of thanks for how God shows love to you and the world. End by saying: Remember that you are God’s, and to God you shall return.