



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 21 – March 28

Sunday 03.21

Worship – In person

Monday 03.22

Tuesday 03.23

Financial Peace University at 8:30 PM

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 03.24

Confirmation – Zoom

1st Communion Class at 3:15 PM

Lent Service at 7:00 PM

Thursday 03.25

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 03.26

Saturday 03.27

Sunday 03.28

Worship – In person

Final day for Papa Murphy's Pizza Sales, forms need to be turned by noon.



2021 Lent Schedule – in person

Lenten Mid-week Services: Wednesdays 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



ALL ORDER FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY March 28th AT NOON! ANY ORDERS TURNED IN AFTER THAT WILL NOT BE VALID.

Delivery Day: April 18th from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

March Confirmation Schedule

8th Grade in person on March 24th

No Confirmation

1st Communion Class at 3:15 PM – 5th Graders

Wednesday, March 10th – March 31st

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. 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.

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 21 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, (11), Hebrews 5:5-10

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.

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





David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends
Lyle & Charlene Norris – Family & Friends
Joanne Balgaard – Friends & Family
Bonnie Gillen – from Cindy Thiesse
Arianna Stoltzman – niece of Robin Amberg
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family
Steve Olson – Family
Denise Revier – Family Sonja Fostvedt – family
Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the
Covid-19 pandemic

Prayer Request

McKenna McDowell – Elaine McDowell
granddaughter
Mike Brown - Family
Sonia Grasmon – Family & Friends
Sharon Alton – Family & Friends

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

Military personal and their families

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church of Olivia

Drive-up*

BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, April 11th, 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

2021 SPRING FLOWER SALES

With some changes...because...you know.....COVID

**ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 9th
FLOWER PICKUP FRIDAY MAY 14TH**

Pickup will be 9:00 am – 6:00pm

In an effort to practice social distancing Sellers are encouraged to pick up all of their buyer's orders at once. We have also expanded the hours in an attempt to spread out the number of people picking up at the same time as in past years.

All flowers must be pre-ordered

There will not be any extra flowers available for purchase.

Pricing and varieties are slightly different and listed on forms.

What has NOT changed?

- **As orders are taken fill out one INDIVIDUAL ORDER FORM for buyer.**
- **Please total all orders on the MASTER ORDER FORM with your overall family total sold.**
- **You must collect money with order. Checks can be made out to
"Cross of Calvary Youth"**
- **Turn in all forms and money on or before FRIDAY, APRIL 9th to Sue Altmann in the church office (please do not leave them in the mailbox).**
- **Please use the southwest door by the parking lot.**
- **Please note on your Master Order Form if you are able to pick up all orders sold.**
- **Please remember to include phone numbers.**

NO ORDERS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER APRIL 11TH

Committee Members Contact Information:

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Tara Amberg	(320) 444-0129	tamberg@rccbi.com

All proceeds from their individual sales will go into your family youth account.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like bible camp, youth gatherings and the upcoming National Gathering!!!

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A time for new beginnings.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant from God
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:5-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Thursday	Nehemiah 1:5-11	Nehemiah prays for his people
Friday	Hebrews 8:6-13	A better covenant
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of new beginnings, help us to face our shortcomings knowing that you promise to be our God and that we are your people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food restore our bodies as your promise of love and care for us restores our hearts. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God create in you a clean heart through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ Think or tell about a time you failed at something.
- ☐ Failure is a part of life, but when we learn from our mistakes, it is not a total failure, but a learning moment. When have you learned from your mistakes?
- ☐ The Bible is filled with mistakes by God's people, yet God refuses to give up on us. What does that say about the God who reaches out to us through Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Jeremiah 31:31-34.

Jeremiah is speaking to a people who are either in exile in Babylon or about to be conquered and sent to Babylon. The northern kingdom of Israel had already fallen to the Assyrians well over a hundred years before. Now the southern kingdom of Judah is doomed. The people have been unfaithful and God's promises to Abraham, Moses, and David seem to have come to naught. But Jeremiah prophesies, "Not so." God promises to find a new way, a new covenant. This passage is about God's people only because it is about the God who continues to claim them. God will not give up on the people God loves. It is the very nature and character of God not to give up on us. God finds a way by having a new covenant, a new start. What God ordains will happen: we shall be God's people and God will be our God. We are not there yet. We are people of the new covenant, but the prophecy has not happened completely. We still need to be taught, but the day is coming that God's promise will be fulfilled. How do you learn about faith in Christ?

Pray: God of the new covenant, give us faith to trust in your promises and courage to walk in your ways through Jesus Christ, the one who came to set us free. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 51 is a prayer for cleansing and pardon. Christian prison ministries reach out to inmates with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. There are many who care for the children and families of prisoners and lead Bible studies and prayer with the prisoners. Pray for those who work with inmates and their families this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is our fifth week suggesting the discipline of using the Daily Bible Readings. At the core of new beginnings for Christians is the work of God revealed from the cross and in the Bible. Begin each day's reading by reciting Psalm 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Say the Prayer for the Week after each reading, add your own prayers, and end by saying: Remember that you are God's, and to God you shall return.