



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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April 11 – April 18

Sunday 04.11

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Flower on the Altar are in memory of Sonia Grasmon

Ham Dinner drive thru 11:00 – 1:00

Monday 04.12

Cub Scouts Mtg. at 6:30 PM

Tuesday 04.13

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 04.14

Confirmation 7th grade (6-7 PM)

Thursday 04.15

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 04.16

Saturday 04.17

Sunday 04.18

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Baptism - Erickson



Papa Murphy's Pizza pick up from 10:30 AM – 12:00

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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

VFW Breakfast

At Olivia American Legion

Sunday, April 18th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Serving: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham and Biscuit & gravy

Adults: \$12.00

2021 Spring Flower Sales/Fundraiser

The date of pickup will be May 14th (after Mother's Day).

Virtual marriage enrichment event April 23-25

A virtual Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience via zoom is scheduled April 23-25 in the central time zone, presented by the Minnesota/Wisconsin area. The special time together is done in the comfort of your own home at a cost of just \$100, with financial assistance available. This involves learning about ways to better communicate by listening to examples from the presenting couples. Your own personal sharing is done only with your spouse. To register and learn more go to godlovesmarriage.org. You are welcome to invite other married couples from other denominations anywhere.

Deadline to register is April 16.



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 **Deadline is the end of May**

DAY CAMP!

Day Camp with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be June 28-July 1 for youth who have finished kindergarten - 6th grade. Put it on your calendar!
<https://forms.gle/RdnBaXVbXAKjodYU8>



Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders on Thursdays, 7:07 a.m. (In the fellowship hall)

Green Lake and Shores Bible Camps have opened registration! Go to gllm.org to register. Be sure to get a scholarship worksheet from church. There is money available for many scholarships. We want everyone to go to camp who wants to.

Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133 (1), 1 John 1:1—2:2 and John 20:19-31

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

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.



Delivery day is April 18th; from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, this will be a drive through pick up on the South Side of the Church due to the pandemic.

Prayer Request

Larry Baumgartner Family & Friends
David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends
Lyle & Charlene Norris – Family & Friends
Mike Brown - Family
Chet Boen – Friends & Family
Donna Greenwell
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family
Steve Olson – Family
Briar Lippert – Family & Friends
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families



During the month of April, we Pray.....

- 11. Thank you for all those who are positive influences in my life and in our community**
- 12. We pray for those struggling with health issues. Especially those listed in our weekly bulletin.**
- 13. Today I pray that my words and deeds will be pleasing to you**
- 14. Blessings to those in our community who work to help the food insecure obtain nourishment.**
- 15. Thank you for the gifts of spring.....the budding trees, the first flowers and the hope.**
- 16. For those in group homes, assisted living and long term care facilities.**
- 17. For those struggling with their faith**
- 18. We pray that we may take time to listen for your voice**
- 19. That the members of our church will find ways to serve you by serving others in our community**
- 20. We pray for those struggling with mental health issues. May they find the love and help they need in their lives.**
- 21. For our church leaders and staff as they meet to conduct the business of our church.**
- 22. We pray for our college students as they face the end of an unusual year in their education. We especially pray for those seeking employment as they end their education.**
- 23. We pray that our local athletes will be safe and enjoy the opportunity to participate in their sport outdoors.**
- 24. We pray for unity....for our country, for our community and in our relationships.**
- 25. We thank you for the gift of new life in the form of babies in midst.**
- 26. We pray for our confirmation students as they near the end of their year of study and growth in faith.**
- 27. We pray for our church staff that they feel our support in their work and their lives.**
- 28. We pray for our teachers and school staff during this last busy month of school.**
- 29. Today I pray that you move me away from distractions and temptations.**
- 30. Thank you for guiding us through another month. A month where we again celebrated the Resurrection and when we looked forward to the promise of new life in nature.**

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



Seeing is believing, and believing is seeing.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1–2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:1-40	The meaning of faith
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:7-18	Living by faith
Friday	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	We walk by faith
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 20:29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, give us the eyes of faith that we may believe and have life in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit give you eyes to see and believe in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Talk or think about something you need to see in order to believe it is real.
- What does the expression “seeing is believing” mean to you?
- Jesus wants us to see with the eyes of faith. How is this possible?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-31.

Thomas wants what the other disciples experienced: seeing the risen Lord. Seeing is a major theme in the Gospel of John. Jesus says to two disciples, “Come and see” (John 1:39). The woman at the well tells the townspeople to “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done” (John 4:29); the man born blind sees Jesus and says, “Lord, I believe” (John 9:38). Mary Magdalene sees the resurrected Jesus in the garden and tells the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” (John 20:18). Our reading for this week ends with sensitivity to those who will not see the resurrected Lord Jesus yet will come to believe. The Gospel of John wrote down enough signs from Jesus that people “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God” and “have life in his name” (v. 31). Today’s disciples, like the ones in the Gospel of John, believe because they see through the eyes of faith. We have the Holy Spirit that we may have a living relationship with Jesus through today’s disciples, those who continue to tell the stories of the Scriptures that we may come “to see,” to believe and have life in the name of Jesus. Who or what has helped you see with the eyes of faith?

Pray: Risen Lord, we thank you for blessing us with a community of faith and the Scriptures that we may see that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. Amen.

SERVICE

In Acts 4:32-35 the first Christians gave witness to their faith by how they lived and cared for one another so that there was no needy person in their midst. It is still important for Christians to care for the needs of others. How can you reach out to someone in need this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

John 20:19-31 tells us that Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus appeared to him and invited Thomas to touch him. God’s love is not turned away by our questions and doubts. Complete this statement: Something I wonder about the Christian faith is _____. Then pray: Lord Jesus, please come to me so that I may see you and believe. Amen.