



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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April 18 – April 25

Sunday 04.18

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Baptism – Erickson

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

Monday 04.19

Tuesday 04.20

Fellowship Hall used from 3:30 – 6:00

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 04.21

Confirmation 8th grade (6-7 PM)

Church Council Mtg. 7:00 PM

Thursday 04.22

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 04.23

Saturday 04.24

Sunday 04.25

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Baptism - Elfering



Delivery day is today (Sunday): 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.

***Olivia 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

Please come out and join us now for our famous Sunday Brunch!

2021 Spring Flower Sales/Fundraiser

The date of pickup will be May 14th

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.

Renville County Human Services is hosting a free virtual class with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 10am-11am for May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Please see the information on the entrance bulletin board "Save the Date" for more information and registration details. You can also register by: Zoom Registration

Link:<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtdeGsrDMoE93mtpQBIAjvtstXere2LzdG>



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 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Act 3:12-19, Psalm 4 (3), 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48

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.

Prayer Request

Justin Meyer – Mike Benson’s uncle

Larry Baumgartner Family & Friends

David Lindquist – Family & Friends

Jean Maresch – Family & Friends

Susie Meyer – Family & Friends

Lyle & Charlene Norris – Family & Friends

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.....

- 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.**

Address for Susie Meyer
Chateau Waters
Room #909
990 19th Street
Sartell, MN 56303

Susie will most likely be in the hospital until mid-May.

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



Jesus opens our minds to understand the scriptures.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 3:12-19	Peter speaks in the temple
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-7	Children of God
Wednesday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's commission to Joshua
Thursday	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Paul's last instructions to Timothy
Friday	Nehemiah 8:1-8	Ezra summons the people
Saturday	Psalms 4	An evening prayer
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then [Jesus] opened [the disciples] minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name."

Luke 24:45-47a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, help us to be aware of your grace that we may daily repent of our sins and turn to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for the food that nourishes the body and for your word that nourishes the soul. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord keep you safe and grant that you lie down in peace. (Psalm 4:8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions do you have about Jesus and the Christian faith?
- Who or where do you turn to when you want to know more about the Christian faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 24:36b-48.

It is clear that the first followers of Jesus were drawn to the Hebrew Scriptures to understand what happened to Jesus and what that meant for them as his followers. Jesus himself opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, that is, the Old Testament, since the New Testament had not yet been written. There is a continuity between the Old and New Testaments that Christians can easily overlook. Easter is a good time to commit to reading the Bible—Old and New Testaments—to seek a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what his reign means for the world and the church of today. How can reading the Bible strengthen your faith and encourage you to share the message of Jesus in word and deed?

Pray: Dear resurrected Savior and Lord, give us the desire to read the Bible, learn more about you, and share your message of forgiveness with those we meet. Amen.

SERVICE

April 22 is observed as Earth Day around the world. Psalm 4 uses the image of an abundance of grain and wine to show the joy of knowing God. As we acknowledge that God is the creator of all things, it is good for us to care for what God has made. It is a source of joy. In what way can you experience the joy of God's creation this week through caring for the earth?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the center of our lives. Take time before going to bed each day this week to think or talk about mountain highs and valley lows for the day and then read and reflect on this verse from Psalm 4:8, "I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."