



*Cross of Calvary*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### **April 25 – May 2**

**Sunday 04.25**

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**Baptism – Elfering**

**Monday 04.26**

**Tuesday 04.27**

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

**Wednesday 04.28**

**Confirmation 9<sup>th</sup> grade (6-7 PM)**

**Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 AM @ church**

**Thursday 04.29**

**Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM**

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

**Quilters**

**Friday 04.30**

**Saturday 05.01**

**Sunday 05.02**

**Worship Service at 9:00AM**

**Communion**

Hello everyone!

I, Makenna Steffel, am going on a medical mission trip to Haiti May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. I am currently attending Northern State University as a biology major and have the goal of attending medical school after I graduate. Going on a medical mission trip has been a dream of mine. While I am in Haiti, I will be with a medical team serving in a mobile clinic. About 60% of the residents in Haiti live below the poverty line. I am excited to be able to use my abilities to help the people of Haiti, as well as growing spiritually. We are required to bring certain supplies to enable us to provide medical care at no cost to the people of Haiti. This list can be found below. If you would like to make a monetary donation or a supply donation, please contact me at 320-522-2371. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for the support and prayers! Donations can be dropped off at Cross of Calvary church, deadline is May 14<sup>th</sup> for all donation.

Thank you,

Makenna Steffel

**Tier 3: (CNA, Students, Non-medical support staff)**

Infant Liquid Vitamins (Poly-Vi-Sol)	6 Bottles
Children's Multivitamins	2 Bottles (1000 CL)
Acetaminophen 500mg Tabs	2 Bottles (1000 CL)
Ferrous Sulfate 325mg Tabs	2 Bottles (100 CL)
Tussih DM	3 Bottles
Miconazole Vaginal Cream with Inserts	10 Tubes
Clotrimazole Topical Cream	10 Tubes
Dry Eye Drops	10 Bottles
Snack Size Zip Lock Bags	5 Boxes (100 CL)
Pregnancy Tests	10 Tests
Hand Sanitizer	3 Bottles
Rubber Bands	2 Bags
Maalox	1 Bottle
Hydrocortisone Cream	10 Tubes
4x4 Gauze	1 Box
Granola Bars	1 Box
Pringles	3 Cans
Peanut Butter	3 Jars
Ensure	1 Can

By bringing these medications and supplies you are enabling us to provide medical care at no cost to the people of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala. Thank you for your generosity.

# 2021 Spring Flower Sales/Fundraiser

The date of pickup will be May 14th

**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](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 **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](http://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 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Reading: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23(1), 1 John 3:16-24 & John 15: 1-8**

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.

**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.**

## Prayer Request

Sandy Kubesh – Family & Friends  
Merlene Bratsch – Family & Friends  
Justin Meyer – Mike Benson’s uncle  
Larry Baumgartner Family & Friends  
David Lindquist – Family & Friends  
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends  
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends  
Chet Boen – Friends & Family  
Donna Greenwell –Family & Friends  
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family  
Military personal and their families  
ALL persons being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic



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

**Date:**

- 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 25, 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



**As Jesus Shepherds us, we shepherd one another.**

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:11-18</b>	<b>The Good Shepherd</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 4:5-12</b>	<b>Peter and John before the council</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 3:16-24</b>	<b>Love one another</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Genesis 49:22-28</b>	<b>Jacob blesses his sons</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-44</b>	<b>Jesus the compassionate shepherd</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:20-31</b>	<b>God the true shepherd</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>	<b>Jesus the true vine</b>

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

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11 (NRSV)

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

God, we thank you for pursuing us with your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of abundance, as a shepherd you provide us with daily food; give us the faith and love to care that others have daily food on their tables, too. Amen.

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

May Jesus the Good Shepherd pursue you with goodness and mercy all the days of your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What does a shepherd do?
- What does Jesus do to shepherd us?
- How can we shepherd fellow Christians in the faith and in daily life?

## DEVOTIONS

**Read: 1 John 3:16-24.**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. John 10 and Psalm 23 give clear attention to this shepherd theme. However, so does 1 John 3. Just as Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11), so we as brothers and sisters who follow Jesus are to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16). We lay down our lives—we shepherd one another—by loving one another “in truth and action”—not just words (v. 18). We, as fellow shepherds, abide in the Good Shepherd by believing in Jesus Christ and loving one another with our whole being. As we give thanks for Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we also give thanks that we are surrounded by a community of faith that shepherds one another to believe in Jesus Christ and to lay down our lives for one another. Why is it important that Christians not only care for the needs of the world but also care for each other as followers of Jesus Christ?

**Pray: Almighty and living God, strengthen us in faith and love to shepherd one another to live with hope and good courage through Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Be a servant this week by shepherding someone. Make a visit and listen to the person. Read Psalm 23 together. Talk about what it means to have Jesus as our shepherd and close with the Lord’s Prayer.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. There will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16) If there are children in your home, play “Follow the Leader.” Blindfold the followers and have the leader guide them by using only their voice. Think about what it means to listen to Jesus’ voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.