



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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May 2 – May 9

Sunday 05.02

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Monday 05.03

Tuesday 05.04

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Women's Bible Study at 1:00 PM

Wednesday 05.05

Confirmation 7th grade (6-7 PM)

Senior Gifts distributed (7:30 – 8:30 PM)

Thursday 05.06

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Friday 05.07

Saturday 05.08

Fellowship Hall in use 8-2 (Bridal Shower)

Sunday 05.09

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Hello everyone!

I, Makenna Steffel, am going on a medical mission trip to Haiti May 22nd – 29th. 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 14th 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)
Tussin 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 pickup

Spring Flower Sale: If you ordered flowers, pick up day will be Friday, May 14, 9am-6pm. We have an amazing team who has worked on this fundraiser for a few years. (Tara Amberg, Amanda Malvin, and Bobbi Kopel) We were not able to use the same floral company, but they took the effort to find a place that was up to the task! Thank you for all the work done to help raise money for camp and other church programming.



The ELCA National Youth Gathering theme is “Boundless

God beyond measure” with the theme verse from Ephesians 3:19 “I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.” It will be attended by 30,000 youth in Minneapolis on July 24-28, 2022. Students in class of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 are welcome to register. Mass Gatherings, Service learning, Synod Day and Interactive learning space will be part of the event programming. Financial assistance applications open July 22, 2021 and Early Bird Registration is \$350 with a \$150 nonrefundable down payment. This will be due by November 10, 2021. Here is the link to learn more. <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview>

2021 Grads and older can volunteer to help with the gathering. Volunteer Corps applications open on May 22, 2021 and close on July 22, 2021. For more info, go to <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/Attend/Volunteer> <https://www.elca.org/>

Papa Murphy's Pizza fundraiser: We sold \$4034 worth of pizza and made \$1008.50 in profit. That's 20%! Thank you to Sandy Whited for organizing the event. Thank you to Dawn Mertens, Sue Altmann, Kevin Whited, Brad, Bailee, Aaron and Cara McLagan and Kelsey Wertish for all the help. It was a great success!

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

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES



*Here is the link to register for Day Camp with the Green Lake Staff at Cross of Calvary! It is for youth who have completed grades K-6. Cost is \$40. It will be June 28- July 1, Monday through Thursday from 1-5pm. No evening meal will be served this year, but we will serve a snack. We will be ty-dying on Tuesday!!! What could be better than camp that comes to us? Sign up by June 20th.
<https://forms.gle/3HBP75H4aiYkzDtCA>

We are going on a Canoe Trip with our 7-12 graders and adults from July 12-15 leaving from Twin Lakes Public Access north of Menahga, to Little White Dog Landing north of Staples. We will sleep in tents at campgrounds along the Shell and Crow Wing Rivers. Traveling with us will be Our Saviors Lutheran from Montevideo and our leader Quentin Markfort. Cost is \$150 and you can use your family church account. This will include food, tent, and canoe. There is a packing list and itinerary if you are interested. Please call Jeni if you want to participate! Deadline to sign up is July 1.



**Watch the calendar for outdoor movie nights,
game nights and camp fires this summer!!!**

Adopt a Grandparent is coming your way. If you are interested in being adopted or adopting, please email, text, or call Jeni at 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com.

Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

May 3-9

John 15:9-17

Spark Story Bible – The Greatest Commandment, page 306

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook – Jesus the Teacher, The Greatest Commandment, page 164

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/tJMtdeGsrDMoE93mtpQBI AjvtstXere2LzdG>



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**

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

Mallory Klaes – Teeny Kadelbach

Rachel Kadelbach – Teeny Kadelbach

Sandy Kubesh – Family and Friends

Kirk Toltzmann – Cheryl Mallak & family

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 – Family & Friends

Donna Greenwell

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic

Military personal and their families



Cross of Calvary Graduating Class of 2021



Graduates

Taylor Amsden
Noah Boen
Ashley Frank
Caeden Gluesing
Will Hanson
Leif Hausken
Andrew Holland
Maddison Jensen
Carson Kubesh
Ella Mages
Drew Sagedahl
Brady Stovern
Benjamin Whited
Kya Young

Parents

Chad & Gena Amsden
Brian & Dana Boen
Dale & Lowanda Frank
Corey & Dawn Gluesing
Chris & Jill Hanson
Matt & Sarah Hausken
Katy Holland & Matt Holland
Ryan & Michelle Jensen
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson & Scott Kubesh
Craig & Becky Mages
Daren & Melissa Sagedahl
Derek & Tami Stovern
Kevin & Sandra Whited
Dennis & Mandi Young

Individual Graduation parties will be posted at a later date.

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Perfect love casts out fear.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
Monday	Acts 8:26-40	Phillip and the eunuch
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Wednesday	Isaiah 41:8-10	The Lord's chosen servant
Thursday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	Deuteronomy 31:6-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Saturday	Psalms 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 1 John 4:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love, free us from fear so that we may love others as you have loved us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food. Help us to show care for others and remember that we love because you first loved us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (1 John 4:19)

A Blessing to Give:

May God who loves you dearly, free you from your fears so that you may love others.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Talk or think about a time you were afraid.
- How is fear and feeling judged closely related?
- How does God's love for you free you from fear so that you can love others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 John 4:7-21.

It is so tempting to protect and defend one's own life by judging others. Christ's model of life and love is to defend the cause, the needs of others, not oneself or one's own group. The love of God in Christ is sacrificial, it gives itself for others. The God of love casts out fear so that we can truly see others and care for them, knowing that we have already been cared for and loved by God. This love is totally freeing, without fear, without anxiety. The God of the day of judgment has already judged us with love. This is love perfected and the love we are now free to bestow on others—all others. Love is our way to see and experience God in the world. Hating others and loving God does not go together. Where in your life and in the world do you see that this great love needs to be known and experienced?

Pray: Loving God, help us to see with the eyes of faith and love that we may witness to your power and glory through our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus' model for us is to care for others, especially the helpless. There are many who are in need of food, clothing, housing, and medical supplies. Can you think of ways you can help those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In John 15:5, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." It is by being joined to Jesus, the true vine, that we bear the fruit of Jesus. Draw a vine and branches. Add leaves and fruit to the end of each branch. In what ways do you show God's love and kindness to others? Write those ways on the fruit. Look at your drawing this week and pray that you will produce fruit and show God's love to others.