# LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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#### June 6 – June 13

Sunday 06.06	Worship Service at 9:00 AM	
	Hausken Graduation Party 3-6 PM (Fellowship Hall)	
Monday 06.07	Fellowship Hall in use 6:30 – 7:30 PM	
	Library in use in the evening	
Tuesday 06.08	Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM	
Wednesday 06.09		
Thursday 06.10	Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM	
Friday 06.11	2021 Synod Assembly	
Saturday 06.12	Baptism – Lippert	
	2021 Synod Assembly	
Sunday 06.13	Worship Service at 9:00AM	
	Equipping Meeting at 10:30 AM	



#### 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

<u>2021 Grads and older can volunteer to help with the gathering.</u> 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/

#### **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!!!

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



## Church Cookbook Project Update!!

The Cross of Calvary cookbook is underway with 100 pages of recipes so far! Thanks to Olivia Hanson for compiling and Lyn Knoke for assisting. If you haven't sent yours yet, you have until June 30 to email your contributions to Olivia at ojhanson0220@gmail.com. The cookbooks will be available in the Fall.

Thank you! - Olivia Hanson **Deadline is the end of June** 



Parish Life Committee will be hosting a movie night on Wednesday, June 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. (More information to follow)

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



#### Prayer Request

Autum Stryker - Family and Friends Nancy Hague - Friends 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 Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic Military personal and their families

#### **2021 Confirmation Retreats**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – July 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00 – 5:00) 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – August 5<sup>th</sup> (1:00 – 9:00) A letter with more information will be mailed to all families.



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.

Bird Island and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive Site: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Address: 510 Dogwood, Bird Island, MN, 55310 - Room Name: Hall Date: Mon June 7, 2021 Time: 01:00 PM - 07:00 PM Blood Program Leader Name: Jill Wohnoutka Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 507-430-0569 June 06, 2021

### taking faith home

# Be careful of judging others.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Genesis 3:8-15	Adam and Eve hide from God
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Living by faith
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus
Thursday	Genesis 3:1-7	Adam and Eve eat forbidden fruit
Friday	John 8:39-59	Distinguishing truth from evil
Saturday	Psalm 130	Prayer of lament and hope
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And looking at those who sat around [Jesus], he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:34-35 (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to see your healing and saving work in our daily lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing us with hope in your saving work through Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know you are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

#### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

□ When people disagree and are unkind to each another, how can they resolve the dispute?

□ What is something you would describe as evil?

□ The scribes described Jesus' healing others as the work of evil. How would you describe Jesus' healing of others?

#### DEVOTIONS

#### Read: Mark 3:20-35.

In the opening chapters of Mark, Jesus has already cast out demons and healed lepers and others with physical ailments, but scribes said he did this work on behalf of demons. To this accusation, Jesus states in the strongest terms possible that such a position is wrong. It is one thing not to see God's liberating work at play in the world. It is another to dare to call it the work of evil. The good news is that Jesus' work of healing (same word for salvation in the Greek language) is real and is meant to bless and save lives. In our age of divided loyalties and accusations, Jesus' words are a good warning to us not to judge others too harshly. Even though you may not see it, they may be doing the work of God to free lives and reconcile relationships. It is a sobering thought for sobering times. When have you felt that someone was acting in a way opposed to God's work in the world? Explain.

Pray: God of power and might, in Christ's name help us to recognize your healing work in the world and be part of reconciling relationships. Amen.

#### SERVICE

A life of service begins with an attitude of humility and repentance. Psalm 130:1-2 states, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication." We are asking God to hear our cry for help and our cry for forgiveness. God hears our prayers. Pray either alone or with others as you ask for God to hear your prayer of repentance so that you can be a loving servant. **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS** 

Summer activities will begin soon. Talk about your plans and the changes in schedules. Conclude your discussion time with this prayer: Dear God, thank you for school, work, friends, and family. As we begin our summer activities, keep us safe, renew us in body and spirit, and help us to show kindness to others. Amen.