



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 13 – June 20

Sunday 06.13

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Equipping Meeting at 10:30 AM

Monday 06.14

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 06.15

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 06.16

Worship Committee Mtg. at 7:30 PM

Parish Life Movie event 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Thursday 06.17

Church Council Meeting at 7:30 PM

Friday 06.18

Women's Bible study at 8:15 AM

Saturday 06.19

Funeral

Sunday 06.20

Worship Service at 9:00AM

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



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/>



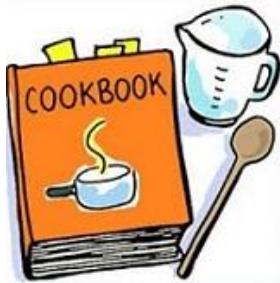
Parish Life Committee will be hosting a movie night on Wednesday, June 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.
(More information to follow)

Announcement: Susie Meyer is now recovering at home. She would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers. She is very grateful for her faith family and friends!

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.

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**

Update on Livestream Project for the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

The materials have been ordered! The company is waiting on a few backordered items. Once the items are all in, they will be scheduling a time that works for the church to set everything up. The church is looking at the middle of July. The set up will not interfere with any church activities and services.

We are so grateful to have this opportunity to improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!



2021 Confirmation Retreats

7th Grade – July 7th (10:00 – 5:00)

9th Grade – August 5th (1:00 – 9:00)

A letter with more information will be mailed to all families.

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

Huge Community-Wide Garage Sale!

Faith United Methodist Church, Olivia

Friday, June 18th2-7 PM

Saturday, June 19th9 AM – 12 PM

One of our largest sales ever with something for everyone!

Pre-packaged baked goods available!

(reduced prices on Saturday)

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.

Prayer Request

Deanna Staples – Daughter of Kenny & Deb Person

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



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.

June 13, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



The Reign of God will not be stopped.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Living by faith
Wednesday	Psalms 107:4-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Thursday	Acts 5:27-42	The apostles are persecuted
Friday	Zachariah 8:1-17	God's promises to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	A song for the Sabbath day
Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4:31-32 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, in Christ Jesus we thank you that by day and by night your reign of steadfast love and faithfulness will not be stopped. (Psalm 92:1-2)

Mealttime Prayer:

Nurturing God, for the seed that becomes the plant that supplies the food that shows your love, we give you thanks. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God bless you now and always. (Psalm 92:2)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Describe your experience with gardening and planting seeds.
- Think or talk about a time you have seen an act of kindness make a big difference in someone's life.
- Jesus describes the reign of God through images of tiny seeds and growth. In what way is this a message about God's kingdom?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:26-34.

With Jesus' depiction of the kingdom of God, one would expect comparisons to something like spectacular cedar trees of Lebanon (Ezekiel 17:22 and Psalm 92:12) or some other vision of grandeur. Jesus chooses something more akin to a weed, a mustard bush that is prolific in Judea. It's an example that likely made his hearers chuckle, not gasp with indescribable awe; it's another example of getting people to see differently. Just as relentless as mustard bushes or weeds are, God's reign will not be deterred. It is like the seed planted that grows and grows without human intervention. As the Gospel of Mark gets underway, the message is that the kingdom is coming. The kingdom is viewed through surprising, even humorous comparisons. It will not be stopped, not by evil, not by scribes, not by disciples who fail again and again. Evil will be overcome, voices of the kingdom will be heard, and imperfect followers will keep pointing to Christ's victory over sin and death. How do you help others see the kingdom of God more clearly?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to see and believe with the eyes of faith that your reign will win the day through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

The smallest of seeds planted can become the largest of plants. Likewise, the smallest acts of kindness can grow to make a very large difference in someone's life. Think of someone who is not so visible or lonely and reach out to them. In what way does reaching out to them grow the kingdom of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Use a leafless branch and cut out leaf shapes. During devotion time this week, think or talk about ways you have seen and felt God at work in the world. Write down those ways on leaves and add them to the branch. Praise and thank God each time you add leaves by praying: Dear God, we thank you for caring for us. May your presence in our lives help us to continue to grow and care for others, even in ways we may not see or understand. Amen.