



Cross of Calvary
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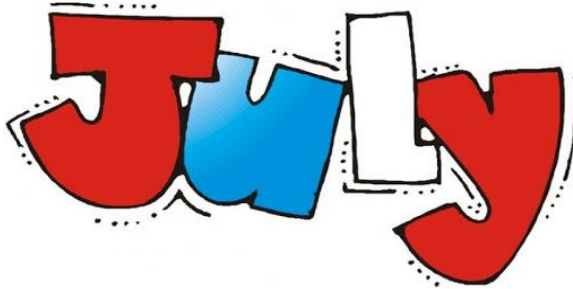
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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July 11- July 18

Sunday 07.11

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

**Altar flowers in memory of Mark & Sonia Grasmon's 40th
Wedding Anniversary (July 11th)**

Monday 07.12

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 07.13

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 07.14

Thursday 07.15

No Women's Bible study at 8:15

Visitation from 4-7 PM

Friday 07.16

Funeral for Sandy Kubesh at 11:00 AM

Saturday 07.17

Baptism for Ezra Patrick Blem – off site

Sunday 07.18

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Memorial for Sherry Wold at 1:00 PM

No Church Council meeting or Follower the month of July



Rev. Dee Pederson Elected Bishop the Southwestern Minnesota Synod at the June Assembly

We are thankful for our Synod Assembly and look forward to our newly elected Bishop, Rev. Dee

Pederson's service. Bishop Jon Anderson will complete his term this fall after 18 years of service.

Rev. Dee Pederson has served as the Director for Evangelical Mission for our synod since 2019. She has been and ordained minister since 1981, and prior to serving as DEM, she served as lead pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Saint Cloud. Pastor Dee was elected June 12th to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during a virtual Synod Assembly. Pastor Dee was elected on the fifth ballot. Assembly recaps of each session and day, as well as the live-stream video of the Assembly will be available in the coming weeks at <https://swmnelca.org/>.



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/>

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

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 beginning of August. 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

9th Grade – August 5th (1:00 – 9:00)

Faithlife

An email from Cross of Calvary was sent with information about a program called Faithlife. The program is new to Cross of Calvary and will be used as a directory, plus much more. We are asking that you go into the email update your personal information. We are planning on using Faithlife to better stay in contact with all our members. If you have any questions, please call 320-523-1574.



Thank you Cross of Calvary staff.

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

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2020-2021

Sunday July 11, 2021 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Mark 6:14-29



Cross of Calvary Prayer Garden

The Prayer Garden is being renewed to include a space for table and chairs. The cost for concrete work/labor is roughly \$3000.00. The money in the Prayer Garden fund will be used for mulch, (front & back gardens), 2 small tables and 4 chairs. We are seeking donations for the concrete work. Thank You

Prayer Request

Vi Johnston – Friends and Family
Family of Larry Baumgartner
Family of Sandy Kubesh
Family of Marlin Hanson
Family of Sandee Laffen
Trevor Solem – Family & Friends
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
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.

Memorial/Funeral Services at Cross of Calvary in July

July 16th at 11:00 AM – Sandy Kubesh
July 18th at 1:00 PM – Sherry Wold

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost



God's steadfast love and faithfulness

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of setting a plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Psalms 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- ☐ We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an example of someone misusing their power.
- ☐ Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought of consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where "love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other" (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

Pray: Shepherding God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, “Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.” Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord’s Prayer.