



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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August

August 15 – August 22

Sunday 08.15

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Baptism for Axel Malvin at 10:00 AM

Monday 08.16

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 08.17

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 08.18

Parish Life Meeting at 7:30 PM at Max's

Care Team meeting at 6:00 PM at church

Church Council at 7:30 PM

Thursday 08.19

Friday 08.20

Saturday 08.21

Sunday 08.22

Worship Service at 9:00AM - Communion

Movie Night – movie starts at 8:30 PM @ church lawn

We are having an OUTDOOR Family MOVIE NIGHT, on Sunday, August 22nd at Cross of Calvary next to the new Garage on the lawn. Bring blankets or chairs, and your own snacks and beverages. Sunset will be at 8:10pm - so start arriving at 8pm to get set up and we will start the movie by 8:30pm. Movie: TBA. (PG Rated)



Rally Sunday

September 12th

Worship at 9:00 AM

Please watch the weekly announcements and September Follower for more information and specific details

BLESSING THE BACK PACKS will also be on Rally Sunday, September 12 during worship service. Bring your school backpacks to worship on this day and get them blessed for learning for 2021-2022.

10:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12 grade.

New this year: Optional class for 7-12th graders!



Confirmation 2021-2022

Confirmation classes will start up for 7th, 8th and 9th graders on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00 PM

When we gather for orientation (parents & students) on Wednesday, September 15th, please plan to bring your completed information/health form and 2021-2022 calendars with you on that night.

Confirmation Sunday will be September 26th at 11am, the last Sunday in September this year. There is a banquet for all 10th graders and their families September, 22nd at 6:00pm. We will have rehearsal and pictures following dinner.

9th grade families will be on to cook and serve the meal.

Put these dates on your calendar.

Mark your calendar!

1. Receiving of 3rd and 7th grade Bibles.
Sunday, September 12th during Worship service
2. 3rd Graders Bible Class
Dates will be posted at a later time



JESUS JUSTICE LEAGUE

Starting September 9th, 1-3rd graders are welcome to join us from 3:00 - 5:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month for Bible Stories, snack, games, activities, songs and crafts. BOLD students can meet at the bus loop and walk to church with Karen Flom. Questions? Contact Sister Sarah, sarah.hausken@gmail.com or 320-579-0838

WOW

Starting September 15th, 4-6th graders are welcome to join us from 3:00 - 5:00 pm each Wednesday for Bible Stories, snack, games, activities, songs and crafts. BOLD students can walk to the church on their own. Questions? Contact Sister Sarah, sarah.hausken@gmail.com or 320-579-0838



God's Work, Our Hands Day
September 19, 1- 3 pm

Sign up to serve others in our community!

Sign-up sheet will be posted on the Board at a later date.

Faithlife

<https://faithlife.com/crossofcalvary/people>

ALL members of Cross of Calvary! Please go to this link and fill out/update your personal information. (All family members) We are using Faithlife to better stay in contact with all our members and will be using this for our new directory. This gives you free access to Faithlife TV, a platform like Hulu that includes our worship services and Christian programs for kids and adults. If you have any questions, please call 320-523-1574. Thank you Cross of Calvary staff.



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 set up will not interfere with any church activities and services. We are so grateful to have this opportunity is improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!

Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2021

Sunday August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

John 6:6:51-58

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

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.

Prayer Request

Bev Beckmann – Gordy & Lynnette
Blem

Vi Johnston – Family and Friends

Trevor Solem – Friends and Family

Justin Meyer – Mike Benson's uncle

David Lindquist – Family & Friends

Chet Boen – Family & Friends

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela
Cole

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family



ALL persons working tirelessly to help
with the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Administration: TBD

Care Team: Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 PM

Children, Youth & Family: TBD

Equipping: Sunday, August 8th at 10:00 AM

Missions: Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30 PM

Outreach: Wednesday, August 11th at 8:30 PM

Parish Life: Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 PM (Max's Grill)

Technology: TBD

Worship & Music: Monday, August 2nd at 6:00 PM

Church Council: Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30 PM

All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church
office at crossofcalvary@gmail.com or 320-523-1574



You are invited to attend the
Service of Holy Communion
with the Installation of
The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson
as Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA
Saturday, October 9, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

Granite Falls Lutheran Church
350 9th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56214
RSVP: www.swmnelca.org/installation

AUGUST 15, 2021
TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus as the bread of life binds us together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 2:41-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Friday	Matthew 26:17-30	The Passover with the disciples
Saturday	Psalm 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that unites us in Christ and promises us life everlasting. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food today, just as we thank you for Jesus Christ and the gift of his presence to know and to share with one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of heaven, bless you with life and faith now and always.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What are some ways you enjoy spending time with family and friends?
- How does having meals together help build relationships?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you experience and feel the closeness of the Christian community?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:51-58.

John's Gospel does not have the words adapted for the Lord's Supper that one finds in Matthew, Luke, or 1 Corinthians. However, here you have Jesus speaking in terms that clearly reflect the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel interprets the meal's significance as a new manna, the bread from heaven that the Israelites received in the wilderness. While the Israelites would continue to complain and turn away from God, those who receive Jesus in the Lord's Supper, the bread from heaven, will live forever. They will abide with Jesus and Jesus with them. Jesus, as the bread from heaven, binds us together as the community of disciples. Such is the power and meaning of this meal for all generations. In the Lord's Supper Jesus has a relationship to his followers and his followers enjoy a relationship to each other. How does the Lord's Supper strengthen your relationship to other Christians? How does the Lord's Supper help you in your relationship with Jesus?

Pray: Living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Lord's Supper that binds us to him, to one another, and to the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.

SERVICE

Sharing a meal together is a valuable way to nurture relationships. Invite friends, family, especially those who live alone to have a meal with you, so that you may get to know them better and bless them with your care. Talk about your recent highs and lows and then pray together.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 5:19 encourages us to "sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart." Think of some of your favorite hymns, children's songs, and psalms from the Bible. Sing them, read them as an offering to God, or listen to them online as music strengthens you in your life of faith.