



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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August

August 22 – August 29

Sunday 08.22

Worship Service at 9:00 AM - Communion

Movie Night –arrive at 8:00 PM

Monday 08.23

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 08.24

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 08.25

Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 AM

Thursday 08.26

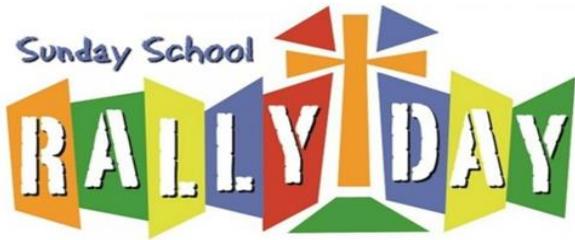
Friday 08.27

Saturday 08.28

Sunday 08.29

Worship Service at 9:00AM

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.

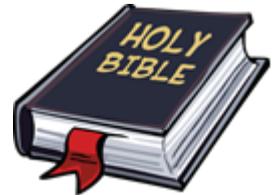
Mark your calendar!

1. Receiving of 3rd and 7th grade Bibles.

Sunday, September 12th during Worship service

2. 3rd Graders Bible Class – Sunday, October 3rd or Tuesday,

October 5th – a letter will be sent to 3rd graders/parents at a later date, with more details.



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 to improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!

Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2021

Sunday August 22, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

John 6:56-69

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

Children, Youth & Family: TBD

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

Technology: TBD

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



PACT has recently been made aware of the need for basic school supplies for Renville County schools. There may be needs in other districts/counties as well. We are asking for your assistance in helping families who may not be able to purchase school supplies for their children. The

following is a partial list of supplies that are needed:

- Backpacks
- Notebooks/Folders
- Crayons/Pencils/Colored Pencils/Markers/Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Kid's scissors
- Rulers
- Glue/Glue sticks
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Erasers
- Kleenex
- Pencil Pouches/Pencil boxes
- Gallon/Quart size/Snack Size Ziplock bags
- Blue/Black and Red Pens
- 3-ring binders
- Basic calculators
- White 3x5 note cards

If you are able to help with any of these needs, please contact Sandy Hruby or Lynnette Sommers at the PACT office (320.231.7030) or by email sandy.hruby@pactforfamilies.org or lynette.sommers@pactforfamilies.org. You may also drop off donations at the PACT office 8:00 am to 4:00 pm M-Th and 8:00 am to Noon on Fridays. Sandy is also willing to come and pick up donations as well!

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request. We appreciate your partnership!

**Cross of Calvary will collect items
and Sue will contact Sandy for pick up!
Deadline is Friday, September 3rd at noon.**

**AUGUST 22, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



People respond differently to Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus
Monday	Joshua 24:1-18	Many tribes renew the covenant
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armor of God
Wednesday	Matthew 16:1-12	Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus
Thursday	Luke 7:1-10	Jesus heals an army officer's servant
Friday	John 3:1-21	Jesus and Nicodemus
Saturday	Psalms 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Simon Peter answered [Jesus], "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:68-69 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, give us faith to trust in you that we may overcome disbelief with faith, fear with hope, and indifference with love through Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we humbly receive this food with thanksgiving, believing that all good things come from you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the one who redeems your life give you peace and joy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- In an era of deliberate misinformation, what is something you hold on to without wavering?
- What is something you have heard that is hard to believe?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:56-71.

It is difficult to have a conversation about Jesus without a strong reaction. Many of these reactions are experienced in our text from John 6. Some people hear the news of Jesus as the bread of life and complain that the message is difficult or offensive. Others simply experience disbelief. Some reject the message of Jesus and others actively pursue a path of betrayal. In the midst all of these naysayers, Peter states words the church has sung throughout its history: “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God” (vv. 68-69). If truth be told, we have likely found ourselves in most—if not all—of those various groups. Such is the humble and challenging life of faith. At different moments of our lives, we, too, respond differently to the message and the presence of Jesus in our lives. When have you or someone you know sounded like a naysayer to Jesus as the Holy One of God? What moves us from disbelief to hope and from rejection to trust?

Pray: Dear God, give us hearts of love and faith that dare to trust that Jesus is the bread of life, the Holy One of God, who brings to us the words of eternal life. Amen.

SERVICE

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18, “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.” Supplication means to pray for God’s help. We can serve others by praying for them. Is there someone you know who is need of God’s help? How can you pray for them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

We wear a seat belt in the car and a helmet when riding a bike to protect us from something bad happening. Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us that God helps protect us. The whole armor of God provides truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation. The sword is the word of God. Draw a picture of a sword, color it, and cut it out. Use the sword as a bookmark in your Bible and as a reminder of the importance of God’s word each time you read scripture.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.