



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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August

September

August 29 – September 5

Sunday 08.29

Worship Service at 9:00 AM -

Monday 08.30

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 08.31

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 09.01

Thursday 09.02

Friday 09.03

Saturday 09.04

Sunday 09.05

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Monday 09.06

Office Closed – Labor Day



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 29, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Family of Ronald Budd – Sharon Alton's brother

Family of Bev Beckmann

Randy Revier – Family & Friends

Harry Hawkinson – Family & Friends

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

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

Church Council: Wednesday, September 15th 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



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 29, 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Maintaining the heart of our Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Thursday	Galatians 5:22-26	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	Romans 1:8-15	Prayer for thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 15	Who shall abide with God?
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to act in ways that show your love for us and our love for you and all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may have food to eat, a roof over their heads, and security for their daily lives. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's justice and mercy set you free to love and serve others through Christ Jesus our Lord.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Think or talk about a time when you or someone you know said you would do one thing but then did the total opposite.
- How do you feel about someone who tells you something about themselves that is not true?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 7:1-23.

We may be more like the Pharisees and scribes than we would like to admit. They wanted to protect God's teachings and honor God's word with their whole life. They set up all kinds of pious actions like hand washing to represent this singular attention. Jesus called them hypocrites for some of these practices. In the process of valuing and protecting God's importance in our lives, it is possible for us to miss the heart of it all. The Book of James reminds us to keep it simple: care for those in need and keep oneself "unstained by the world" (James 1:27). Even our best efforts at keeping pure will fall short. Jesus reminds us all of our hypocrisy that needs cleansing and forgiveness. The heart of the Christian faith is Christ's grace that places us all in the same need of forgiveness. That, in turn, sets us free to care for others instead of condemning them. In your heart of hearts, what is something that you do that is inconsistent with what you think is right or best?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to repent of anything that turns our hearts from loving you and caring for our neighbor. In Christ Jesus we pray, amen.

SERVICE

James tells us to be doers of God's word. In Jesus' time that included caring for orphans and widows. Who are the people that need your help today? School has either started or will start soon. Be aware of those who feel alone and may need a friend. How can you be a doer and not just a hearer of God's word?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes our doing gets in the way of our being. We can miss the joy of daily life while working to save up time and money to enjoy life. It is true of our faith life as well. We can faithfully attend Christian worship and forget to daily pay attention to Christ's love that sets us free. Take time this week to sit in silence and imagine your loving Savior standing in front of you. End by praying: Thank you, God, for _____.