



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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September 5 – September 12

Sunday 09.05

Worship Service at 9:00 AM - Communion

Monday 09.06

Office closed for the day

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 09.07

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 09.08

Thursday 09.09

Friday 09.10

Saturday 09.11

Sunday 09.12

Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

Worship Service at 9:00AM



Rally Sunday

September 12th

Worship at 9:00 AM

We are VERY excited to be back in person, sharing the stories and love of God through Sunday School. We have a phenomenal

group of teaching teams and we know our kids are ready to come back!

We are planning to start classes on October 3.

In September, there will be an abundance of faith forming activities.

- **September 12th** is Rally Day and we will celebrate with Backpack Blessings and 3rd and 7th grade Bible presentations during worship.
- **September 19th** is God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service where families may serve others in our community.
- **September 26th** is Confirmation Sunday with an extra worship service at 11 am.

BLESSING THE BACK PACKS will 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.



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

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

NEW START DATE: Because the 2nd Thursday is the first day of school for 1-3rd graders, we'll start Jesus Justice League on Thursday, September 16th. After September, we'll stick to the 2nd Thursday of the month. We will plan to be mostly outdoors if weather permits.

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. We will plan to be outdoors as much as possible. 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.**



Coffee Fellowship

Coffee hour - will be a sign up this year. There is room for 3 families each week. Look for the form on the board.

Breakfast Club will begin again on September 23 at 7:07am for 10-12 graders at Cross of Calvary. Friends are welcome!

Fall Frenzy at GLLM is October 9th from 9-4:30 for 2nd -6th graders. Cost is \$25. Deadline to sign up is October 1.

Jr High Youth Gathering will be November 19-20 or 20-21. Sign up on the board by our office, or text Jeni to sign up.

Faithlife

I am working on getting the correct link.

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 September 5, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

Mark 7:24-37



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

Laurie Hogberg – Family and Friends
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

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God's love breads down boundaries.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles
Monday	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Return of the exiled
Tuesday	James 2:1-17	Faith without works is dead
Wednesday	Hebrews 13:1-9	Service that pleases God
Thursday	Leviticus 19:33-37	Living a holy life
Friday	Ephesians 2:11-22	One in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[I]f you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? James 2:3-4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you that your mercy triumphs over judgment and your love leads us to care for all people through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For the food that we eat and the food that we share, give us, O Lord, thankful hearts that show care. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord God bless you with an open heart to receive and to give love through Christ Jesus our Savior.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What does it feel like to be left out of a group or not selected for a team?
- How do you react when you see someone being excluded from a group?
- Jesus showed love even to strangers. How would you describe the way you treat strangers?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 7:24-37.

Jesus shows uncharacteristic rejection of someone in need. The Syrophenician woman asks for help, but she is not Jewish. She is a foreigner, and Jesus suggests he came for the children of Israel, not those outside of Judea and Galilee. However, perhaps he is speaking the voice of the early church that is likewise wondering what are the proper boundaries for the mission field of the church. The answer: Gentiles—therefore, all people—are part of God’s arena of care and redemption through Christ. It is time for all ears, tongues, and hearts to be opened. God’s power of love and forgiveness is so awesome that it knows no boundaries. Thanks be to God! God’s compassion is present for all of us, stranger and friend alike. When have you reached out to a stranger with the love of God?


Pray: Loving God, just as you reach out to us with your grace and forgiveness, give us hearts to reach out to others that all may know your care through Christ Jesus. Amen.

SERVICE

James 2 warns against worshipping communities showing partiality. Many congregations look very homogeneous. They attract people who look, act, and think like one another. Some of this is due to local contexts, but some of it is due to a lack of warmth and initiative taken toward new people. Who is someone who could use your warmth and care to help them feel welcome in your congregation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Welcoming others with the peace of Christ has been part of the Christian tradition for two thousand years. Look up the sign language for peace. Teach it to others. As a way to practice reaching out to others with hope and love, you can greet others in your home, neighborhood, school, and work with these words: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee	30 6:30 PM Library used	31 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1-3 PM Women's Book Club	1	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Communion	6 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship (Backpack Blessing) 10:00 AM Coffee 	13 6:30 PM Library in use	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	15 3-5 PM WOW 5:30 PM Mission Meeting 6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation 7:30 PM Church Council	16 3-5 PM Jesus Justice League	17	18 Baptism
19 9:00 AM Worship Communion 10:00 AM Coffee  Baptism of Jack Fahse	20 6:30 PM Library in use	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	22 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study 3-5 PM WOW 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet	23 7:07 AM Breakfast Club Starts 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study starts	24 4-7 PM Fellowship Hall in use	25
26 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Confirmation Sunday 11:00 AM Service	27 6:30 PM Library in use 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	29 3-5 PM WOW 6:00 PM Confirmation	30 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	1	2