



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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September 12 – September 19

Sunday 09.12

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

RALLY SUNDAY/BACKPACK BLESSING

3rd and 7th Grade – Bible gifts handed out at service

Monday 09.13

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 09.14

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 09.15

Confirmation Orientation at 6:00 PM (Students&Parents)

WOW at 3-5 PM

Church Council at 7:30 PM

Thursday 09.16

Jesus Justice League at 3-5 PM

Friday 09.17

Saturday 09.18

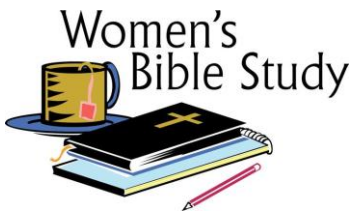
Sunday 09.19

Worship Service at 9:00AM – Communion

Baptism at 10:00 PM (Fahse)

We are still looking for 9th grade families to take the lead on the Confirmation Banquet. (September 22nd at 6:00 PM)

Please contact the office ASAP! 320-523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com



Ruth Bible Study

Ruth Bible Study will meet starting September 27th at Cross of Calvary Church at 1:30 PM. Please read Acts, Chapter 4.

Women's Bible Study

In the Grip of Grace is the name of the book by Max Lucado and the cost is \$13.00. Please pick up or order your book and meet in the library on Thursday, September 23 at 8:15-9:30am.

Lights, Camera, Sound!

Hooray! The equipment for our AV upgrade in the sanctuary and fellowship hall has arrived! Aufferworld Audio, Visual and Television will begin installation on September 27. In the future, we'll be teaching people how to operate the new system. If you're interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please contact Sue in the office and we'll be in touch!

The Jim and Mary Page family has donated \$50,000 towards this project and others in our faith family have donated \$4400. We give thanks for their generosity.

We are now \$5,600 away from our goal of \$60,000. If you feel called to donate towards this outreach and mission ministry, we will gladly accept your gifts!



Rally Sunday

September 12th - today

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 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!

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

**SEPTMEBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross..

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully?

Pray: Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.

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	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 1-3 PM Women's Book Club	8	9	10	11 Baptism at noon
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
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 Church used from 12-3 PM	1 Church used from 8-2:30	2 Wedding offsite