



*Cross of Calvary*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### September 19 – September 26

**Sunday 09.19**

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**God's Work Our Hands Day**

**Baptism (Fahse)**

**Monday 09.20**

**Library in use in the evening**

**Cub Scout Mtg. at 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday 09.21**

**Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM**

**Wednesday 09.22**

**Confirmation Banquet at 6:00 PM**

**WOW at 3-5 PM**

**Thursday 09.23**

**Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM**

**Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM**

**Sunday School Teachers Mtg. at 7:30 PM**

**Friday 09.24**

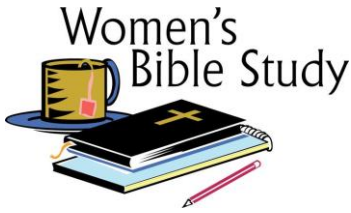
**Saturday 09.25**

**Sunday 09.26**

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**Confirmation Sunday – service at 11:00 AM**

**Fellowship Hall in use from 11:00 – 1:00 PM**



### **Ruth Bible Study**

Ruth Bible Study will meet starting September 27<sup>th</sup> 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! Aufterworld 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!



### **Sunday School classes start 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.





## **Confirmation 2021-2022**

**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.

### **Mark your calendar!**

3rd Graders Bible Class – Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – a letter will be sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders/parents, please contact the office with your families choice of dates.



## **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



**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.



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### **Update on Livestream Project for the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall**

A date has been set for installation: the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### **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

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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 Vi Johnston

Laurie Hogberg – Family and Friends

Randy Revier – Family & Friends

Harry Hawkinson – Family & 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



# SEPTMEBER 19, 2021

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

### AFTER PENTECOST



*Jesus' followers are to care for the powerless.*

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13—4:8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve others
Saturday	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

##### A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, may we follow the way of Jesus and learn what it means to trust in you through Christ our Savior. Amen.

##### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with this gift of food today, we thank you for caring for us with your goodness and mercy. Amen.

##### A Blessing to Give:

May your life be blessed by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ How would you describe your friends, the people with whom you associate regularly?
- ☐ Society encourages us to “climb the social ladder.” What does that mean to you?
- ☐ How would you describe the life Jesus wants you to follow?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:30-37. Chapters 8-10 in Mark include three predictions of Jesus’ death. Each prediction is connected with his disciple’s misunderstandings and then some kind of teaching about discipleship. The focus of Jesus’ words is more than a general endorsement of humility. It moves us in the direction of personal association with the vulnerable and the powerless, those considered “last” in society. In Jesus’ day and in the Roman Empire, a child was without power or importance. To lift up and value a child was contrary to social norms of Jesus’ day. When Jesus describes his own life’s work, he makes a claim on us. We are to follow his way, the way of suffering and being the last. It is an active rejection of domination and the powers of this world. What is evident in these predictions is that Jesus’ followers don’t get it. His understanding of what it means to be “first” in life is so different from what we hear and see in daily life. It takes time to understand what it means to follow Jesus. It may take a lifetime. In the meantime, we are to care for the people who feel unimportant and powerless and be able to celebrate with them that life is redeemed and blessed. Who would you identify in your community as those who are considered powerless and “last of all”?

Pray: Almighty God, through Jesus, you come to us with a power like no other. Help us to follow Jesus into a new way of life that loves you and all others. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Mark 9:37) Many places in the world and in our own communities have children in need. Think or talk about children who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter. Keep them in your prayers. Is there a way you can help and support children in need or an organization that works with them?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The International Day of Peace is observed each year on September 21st. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The Bible reading for Tuesday this week is from James 3. “And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.” (v. 18) Think or talk about what it takes to make peace. Then write a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle as you pray for each one on your list.

Then pray: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

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