



Cross of Calvary

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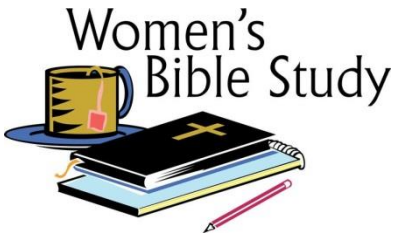
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October 3 – October 10

Sunday 10.03	Worship Service at 9:00 AM – Communion Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM 3rd Grade Bible Class from 11:15 – 12:30
Monday 10.04	Cub Scouts use Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Library in use in the evening
Tuesday 10.05	Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM 3rd Grade Bible Class 6-7:15 PM
Wednesday 10.06	Confirmation at 6:00 PM WOW at 3-5 PM
Thursday 10.07	Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM
Friday 10.08	
Saturday 10.09	Bishop Dee Pederson Installation
Sunday 10.10	Worship Service at 9:00 AM



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 we will be meeting on Thursday morning in the library, from 8:15-9:30am.

Lights, Camera, Sound!

Hooray! Aufterworld Audio, Visual and Television has installed our AV upgrade in the sanctuary and fellowship hall . In the future we will 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!



October Confirmation Schedule

- Make sure you have signed up for acolyte. (1 month)
- Make sure you have signed up for Sound Board/Clicker.
 - Confirmation: October 6th – 9th Grade
 - Confirmation: October 13th – 7&8 Grade
 - No Confirmation on October 20th, 2021. (MEA)
 - Confirmation: October 27th – 9th Grade

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

We'll stick to the 2nd Thursday of the month. We will plan to be mostly outdoors if weather permits.

WOW

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 Fellowship Servers

A new sign-up sheet for 2021-2022 coffee fellowship servers is on "The Board". Please consider signing up for a Sunday so that our weekly fellowship time can continue.

Breakfast Club will be at 7:07am on Thursday mornings 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.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering theme is “Boundless

It is time to sign up for the National Youth Gathering! The ELCA National Youth Gathering theme is “Boundless - God beyond measure” with the theme verse from Ephesians 3:19 “I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.” It will be attended by 30,000 youth in Minneapolis on July 24-28, 2022. Students in class of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 are welcome to register. Mass Gatherings, Service learning, Synod Day and Interactive learning space will be part of the event programming. Financial assistance applications open July 22, 2021 and Early Bird Registration is \$350 with a \$150 nonrefundable down payment. This will be due by November 10, 2021. Here is the link to learn more.
<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview>



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.



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

October Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Alex Gay, need one more

Acolytes: Jack Gross & Sadie Gross

Sound Board/Clicker: need volunteers

Communion: Eric Skeie

Altar Guild: Eleanor Ziesmer, Sara Benson & Sheila Pietig

Legacy: Living and Leaving A Life With Meaning

By Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner



One of the universal desires we all have is that our life should be lived with meaning and purpose. We want to live in such a way that makes a positive impact on the world around us and on the lives of those we love. And, with some careful planning, we hope to leave something behind when we die – something to be remembered by, something that enables our life's work to live on long after we're gone. In life, and in death, we want our imprint on the world to be a reflection of our values. That is the very definition of a Legacy.

So, what will your legacy be? What story will your life tell? Have you given any thought to it, or will you simply leave your legacy to chance? Unfortunately, most of us spend more time planning our next vacation than we do planning (and/or reviewing) our legacy.

What plans do you have in place? Do your plans include more than just a will? When did you last review your plans? Have you shared your plans with those around you who are important to you (your loved ones, the causes and institutions you support)?

That last step is perhaps the most important. Often even good, solid, legal and financial plans still fail to accomplish a person's legacy goals. Your legacy is more than just some numbers on a financial ledger or a name on the deed to a bit of land. Your legacy should be a story, and the story should tell what you are most proud of and what gave your life its deepest meaning.

Years ago I read an article by a person who recounted his experience at the reading of the last will and testament of his recently deceased grandmother. What he expected was a typical, bland, lifeless narration that goes something like this: "I (insert the deceased person's name), being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following..." which is then followed by a laundry list of cash and other assets and who they go to.

But what he heard instead was a beautiful, extremely personal and touching narration by his grandmother about her faith. She wrote about how her faith had sustained her in good times and bad. She framed her whole life, her experiences and her possessions, as purposeful and faithful. Clearly she wanted to pass along not just possessions, but the faith that had shaped her whole life. And in so doing, she shaped how her heirs remembered her and how they received whatever possessions she left to them.

Inherited wealth and possessions may quickly fade, but an inherited faith that gives life purpose and meaning is a gift that will last a lifetime... or more!



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



Fellowship Meal

St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Olivia is having their annual Fall Dinner on October 10, 2021. We will be offering drive in or limited seating (Seating for 125) from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Take-outs will also be an available at this time. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, candied carrots, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert. Cost is \$14.00 for all meals. All are invited.

Drive thru Meal: Tripolis Lutheran Church at 3249 Co. Rd. 8 SE, Kandiyohi will be hosting a drive thru meal on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 5-7 PM. Meal includes: meatballs, gravy, Baked potato, homegrown sweetcorn, dinner roll & Brownie. Cost \$10 each meal.

OCTOBER 3, 2021 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus heals and blesses the defenseless.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
Monday	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a human partner
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	God has spoken through Jesus
Wednesday	Psalms 147:1-11	Praise the Lord
Thursday	Joel 2:18-27	God's response and promise
Friday	Acts 3:1-10	Peter heals a cripple
Saturday	Psalms 8	God honors humanity
Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Truly I [Jesus] tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of tender care, help us to care for creation, for human beings, and family relationships so that we may serve one another in peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we give thanks and praise that you are aware of our needs and care for us with your majesty. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of God bless you to live, to love, and to serve in Jesus' name.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What words would you use to describe a good relationship with someone?
- What hurts relationships with others?
- God desires us to have life-giving relationships. In what ways can you fulfill God's desire for relationships with others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:2-16.

When we read that the Pharisees ask Jesus about divorce, our bodies can easily tighten. Divorce has touched all of our lives. We know that at times divorce, as painful as it is, is better than remaining in a hurtful relationship. Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: God desires life-giving relationships, not divorce. Why is this so important? Because in Jesus' day women and children paid the greatest price in a divorce. Family life is foundational to our social fabric. For much of our history—and especially during Judaism of the New Testament—the protection provided by the shelter and wealth of a husband and father was essential to survival. Without it, women and children were left poor and ostracized by society. Today, men, too, can be the ones left with grief and distress. Jesus is speaking here to defend defenseless lives. He is teaching his disciples as they journey to Jerusalem to care for the helpless, the poor, and the socially dispossessed. This story in Mark about divorce, women, and children ends by caring for the two groups hurt most in a divorce in his day: women and children. He does not chastise them. He offers them his healing care, lays his hands on the children, and blesses them. How have you helped people who have been affected by divorce?

Pray: God of life and healing, help us to care for one another and to protect one another with our words and our actions through the healing touch of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Genesis 2:18-24 has real humor woven into the story of the creation of the woman. The all-knowing God has difficulty finding a helper and partner for the human being just created. Finally, God creates the woman as the perfect match. In describing the greatest mysteries of life, the Bible can be playful. As you enjoy relationships with others, be sure to find time for play and humor with those around you this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Go outside at night this week when the night sky isn't hidden by clouds. When you go inside, talk about the beauty of the sky and the different constellations that you saw. End your time by reading Psalm 8. If you are with others, close with this blessing: May the majesty of God bless you to live and serve others in Jesus' name.