



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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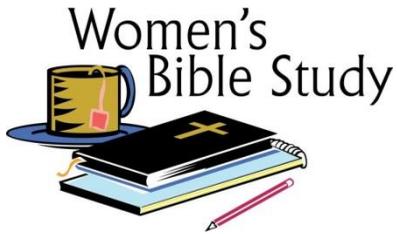
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## **October 10 – October 17**

Sunday 10.10	Worship Service at 9:00 AM Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM Equipping Mtg. at 10:00am
Monday 10.11	Library in use in the evening Fall Theology (Jeni, Sister Sarah & Pastor Matt) Library in use from 3:15-4:45pm
Tuesday 10.12	Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM Fall Theology (Jeni, Sister Sarah & Pastor Matt)
Wednesday 10.13	Confirmation at 6:00 PM (7&8 Grade) WOW at 3-5 PM Church Council Meeting at 7:30 PM Theology on Tap after council meeting
Thursday 10.14	Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM Jesus Justice League from 3-5pm
Friday 10.15	Sister Sarah's last day! Library in use from 3:15-4:45 pm
Saturday 10.16	Baby Shower/Fellowship Hall used from 9-12 Library in use from 1-3 pm
Sunday 10.17	Worship Service at 9:00 AM Will Workshop starting at 10:00 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 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

## 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!

**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.



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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

### **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: 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!

Family of Gwen Nesburg – Jeni Skeie mother



Laurie Hogberg – Family and Friends

Randy Revier – Family & Friends

Harry Hawkinson – Family & Friends

Trevor Solem – Friends and Family

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 10, 2021  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Jesus is a merciful high priest.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:17-31</b>	<b>A rich man goes away sad</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 5:6-15</b>	<b>Seek good and not evil</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:12-16</b>	<b>Jesus is the great high priest</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 John 7-11</b>	<b>Those who deny Christ</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Micah 7:18-20</b>	<b>God's compassion and steadfast love</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 1:5-10</b>	<b>God is light</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 90:12-17</b>	<b>Teach us wisdom</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:35-45</b>	<b>The Son of Man came to save</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of justice and forgiveness, help us to see when we hurt others so that we may care for our neighbor with justice through Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Compassionate God, we receive this food with thanksgiving. Help us respond to this gift by treating others with your kindness and mercy. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of justice and mercy give you a heart of wisdom to love and to serve with gladness.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- What do you do after you feel you have been unkind or hurt someone's feelings?
- Is it harder to forgive others or yourself? Explain.
- Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Hebrews 4:12-16.**

God's word is like a sharp, two-edged sword that brings both judgment and forgiveness. The question is, which is God's final word for us? The answer Hebrews gives is through understanding Jesus in the sacrificial role of high priest, one who is like us in every way except that he is without sin. The high priest makes sacrifices on behalf of the people to receive God's forgiveness for their sins. What Jesus is able to do as our great high priest and the Son of God is to both experience and feel our weaknesses as a human being and as God. We have a God who fully understands us, sympathizes with us, and accepts us as we are. We can approach God with boldness and know that we receive mercy and grace. Jesus as the great high priest and the Son of God takes the sharp edge of the sword of God's judgment and adds to it God's love that forgives the sinner. Thanks be to God for Jesus, the great high priest, the Son of God, who comes to save, not to condemn. How does Jesus as our great high priest help you understand judgement and forgiveness? Pray: God of mercy and grace, free our lives to live courageously for our neighbor and with loving hearts toward you through Jesus, the great high priest. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

In Mark 10, the rich man left Jesus grieving because he was attached to his wealth. Money and having possessions can cause us to be selfish and only care for ourselves. Another way to use wealth can be to serve others and show our love for God and all humanity. How can you serve others with your wealth this week?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "living and active". There are many Bible translations. The NRSV (New Revised Standard Version), NIV (New International Version), KJV (King James Version), and CEV (Contemporary English Version) are just a few of many others. During devotions this week, look up the Daily Bible Readings using different translations and note what is similar and what is different. Think or talk about how the scripture you read is alive and active in your life.