



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 17 - October 25

Worship Times

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Coffee Hour

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00AM

Building Hours

Mon-Thurs

8:30 - 7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

Office Hours

Mon, Tues, & Thurs

8:30 -3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30-2:00

Pastor

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Sunday 10.17

Worship Service at 9:00 AM
Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM
Will Workshop at 10:00 AM

Monday 10.18

Library in use from 3:15-4:45pm
Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 10.19

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 10.20

Library in use from 3:15-4:45 pm
Mission Committee Mtg. at 5:30 PM
No Confirmation
No WOW

Thursday 10.21

No Breakfast Club
No Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM
Craft Retreat

Friday 10.22

Craft Retreat

Saturday 10.23

Craft Retreat
Library in use from 1-3 PM

Sunday 10.24

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Monday 10.25

Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 PM (Library)

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

Bible Studies

Men's Bible study: Tuesday mornings

Women's Bible study: Thursdays at 8:15 am – 9:30am

Dorcas Bible study: last Wednesday of month at 9:30 am/Fellowship Hall

Ruth Bible study: last Monday of month at 1:30pm/church library

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



Lights, Camera, Sound!

Hooray! Aufterworld Audio, Visual and Television have 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!



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.



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 Jeni Skeie 320-579-0406

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. We will plan to be outdoors as much as possible. Questions? Contact Jeni Skeie 320-579-0406

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM. Our Sunday school youth will be singing. Bring Donations for the Food Shelf for offering.

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>



Prayers for ...

Scott Parsons – Gladie Hagen’s nephew
Claire Neubauer – daughter of Mark & Lara Neubauer
Harry Hawkinson – Family & Friends
Laurie Hogberg – 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 being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families



A Christmas Story - the Musical

This show features talented kids in grades 5-12
from BOLD School, BLHS School, and St. Mary's School.

Performances:

October 29 - 7pm

October 30 - 7pm

October 31 - 2pm

Shows held at Bird Island Campus stage, 110 S. 9th ST, Bird Island MN
Doors will open a half-hour before ShowTime! Tickets are available at the door.



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.

Olivia Lions Harvest Brunch:

Dine In or free delivery for farmers.

Sunday October 24 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the American Legion

Pancakes, Eggs, and Sausage

\$10 for Adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under

Turkey Dinner

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

Take-out meals only from 10:30 – 1:00 PM

Tickets available behind Renville Community Center then follow arrows to pick up meals

Menu: Turkey & Stuffing/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy/ Carrots/ Cole Slaw/ Cranberries/Pumpkin Bar

Cost: all meals \$13.00

Uffda Day

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Atwater (312 Main Street South)

A celebration of MN & Scandinavian heritage!

Saturday, November 6 from 9 am – 11 am

Coffee and rolls will be served.

Baked Goodies including Scandinavian Treats, Lefse, Canned Goods & Grab Bags

Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

RCW HOSTS “BREAKFAST WITH THE BAND AND CHOIR”

On Saturday, November 13, the Renville County West Music Department will be hosting their annual Breakfast with the Band and Choir fundraiser at the Renville Community Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM, and the Varsity Band and Choir will be providing entertainment while you eat. Free-will donations are accepted, proceeds to benefit the 2022 RCW Band and Choir Tour.

OCTOBER 17, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Servanthood is the heart of discipleship.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 4:1-13	The ministry of the apostles
Thursday	Joshua 22:1-6	Joshua speaks to the tribes
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[W]hoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." Mark 10:43b-44 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of compassion, help us to see what you see and to treasure what you treasure through Christ Jesus, the one who came to serve and set us free. Amen. (Mark 10:45)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food you serve us each day; may we serve others in a godly way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord rescue you from trouble and give you a servant's heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Psalm 91:15)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ Who do you look up to? What is it about that person that you want to imitate?
- ☒ If you asked Jesus what you needed to do to follow him, what do you think he would say?
- ☒ Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:35-45.

We may be tempted to think that prayer puts God in our back pocket to use as we wish. Not so! As Jesus pointed out, James and John did not even know what they were really asking of Jesus. To ask the Son of Man for something, is to ask the source of the universe who has a different standard of what is important and what is valued. James and John wanted glory. Jesus wants love and service; openness to suffering is the glory Jesus sees. James and John wanted power. Jesus redefines power into servanthood and bondage to the needs of others as a slave. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, there exists a growing urgency about understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus puts it in crystal clear terms, but words that do not necessarily please our “old world” way of seeing goodness, truth, and beauty, or power and glory. You want to know what it means to follow Jesus? Pay close attention to Jesus’ words: “whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all” (vv. 43b-44). How does being a servant—even a slave—upend your understanding of a successful life?

Pray: God of power and glory, cleanse us of our desire for personal glory and give us hearts for love and service through Christ Jesus, the Holy One of God. Amen.

SERVICE

According to Jesus, doing acts of service is not so much a list of projects as it is a way of life. How is your life a life of service? How is caring for the needs of others a life you wish to pursue with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength? Take time this week to use your gifts to serve others with a glad heart.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 10, Jesus talks about kings who like to order people around and have full power over their lives. Jesus tells us not to be like them, but to be servants of others, a much, more humble way of life. This week pray: Dear God, give me a humble heart that I may gladly be a servant of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

During October 2021, we pray for.....

1. Thank you Lord, for the change of seasons. For the crisp fall mornings and the sunny warm afternoons. We celebrate your beautiful creation.
2. As we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic, please guide our leaders and us to do what is needed for the future health of ourselves and our neighbors.
3. Today our Sunday School year begins. Please be with the teachers, students and families as they come together to learn more about your word.
4. Father, I thank you, for your support me in times of distress. You answer me and hear my cries when I call upon you.
5. We pray for those who need your healing hand. We especially pray for those on our weekly prayer list.
6. On this Wednesday and every Wednesday, we pray for the WOW students and the Confirmation students who come together to learn, worship and build friendships.
7. During this season of harvest, we pray for those who suffer from food insecurity and hunger. Help us to serve you by serving them through the Food Shelf, LSS or any other available means.
8. We pray for those who grieve that they may find comfort in your loving arms.
9. We pray for unity in our families, our community and our nation.
10. Lord, continue to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and then turn me loose on your purposes.
11. Father, I thank you that you are faithful and your love is steadfast.
12. Lord we pray for those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group Homes. Help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and bringing help to those who are sick and lonely.
13. We thank you for shelter. Please guide us to help those who lack adequate shelter.
14. We pray that we may be able to listen and hear your voice. Help us to also listen to those around us and hear their voices.
15. We pray for those who are afraid that they can put their trust in you as they face life's decisions.
16. We pray for those who suffer abuse at the hands of others.
17. We thank you for this Sabbath and the opportunity to worship together in person or online.
18. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong and give us clear vision.
19. We pray for refugees who are adjusting to new homes and a new culture. Help us to welcome them and show your love.
20. We pray for and thank you for all caregivers.
21. As children, teachers and families take a short break from their routine. Be with them and help them to find renewed commitment to school, jobs and their relationships.
22. Lord, we pray for those battling COVID. For those who are sick and for those suffering long term effects of the disease.
23. We pray for those struggling with addiction.
24. We pray for those who have experienced betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
25. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please give me the strength to do your will.
26. Lord help me to show patience when feeling frustration and impatience.
27. We thank you for parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors who share their faith with our children.
28. We pray for those making life changing decisions. Be with them and guide them.
29. We thank you for the gift of new life in newborns in our church, our families and our community.
30. Lord, I thank you for your presence in my life and the lives of those I hold dear.
31. As we end another month, we thank you for our many blessings large and small.