



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**November 14 – November 21**

## 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

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## Pastor

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## Custodian

Craig Boen

**Sunday 11.14**

Worship Service at 9:00 AM  
Sunday school at 10:00 AM  
Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM  
Equipping meeting at 10:00 AM

**Monday 11.15**

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

**Tuesday 11.16**

Men's Bible Study  
Parish Life Committee Mtg. at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday 11.17**

WOW 3:15 – 5:00  
Confirmation - grade 7 & 8  
Care Team Meeting at 6:30 PM  
Council Meeting at 7:30 PM

**Thursday 11.18**

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM  
Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM  
Jesus Justice League at 3:15 – 4:45

**Friday 11.19**

Classroom in use from 3:15-4:45 pm  
Junior High Youth Gathering

**Saturday 11.20**

Classroom in use from 1-3 PM

**Sunday 11.21**

Worship Service at 9:00 AM  
Gideon Sunday

## **November Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Curt Weis  
Acolytes: Daniel Welchance & Kenly Elfering  
Sound Board/Clicker: Jack & Sadie Gross  
Communion Server: Nate Cole  
Altar Guild: Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing

## **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: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 1:30pm/church library

### **Faithlife**

I am working on getting the correct link. – Sorry for the inconvenience!

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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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### **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!

**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!

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### **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.

## **November Confirmation Schedule**

Make sure you have signed up for acolyte. (1 month)  
Make sure you have signed up for Sound Board/Clicker.  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – 7 & 8 Grades  
November 24<sup>th</sup>: NO Confirmation – Thanksgiving Break

## **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 or jenniskeie@gmail.com

## **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 or jenniskeie@gmail.com



## **Greetings Cross of Calvary members,**



YOU ARE INVITED! Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 19th at 10:30am. Plan to come watch the talented kids in our congregation celebrate Jesus's birth. This Sunday, November 14, during Sunday School the kids will begin practicing for our Christmas program. Practice will be held every week during Sunday School leading up to the program. If you have any children you want to participate please have them at Sunday School. Also, if you already know they will be unable to participate in the program please let their teacher know.

Thank you!

**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.

### **Wanted: Snack Server Once a Month**

We're looking for a volunteer to serve and clean up snack for the Jesus Justice League kids. 1-3rd graders meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month.

Time commitment would be 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Benefit is getting to care for, encourage, and love kids through the act of service. Contact Jeni if you're interested.

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### **Wanted: Adult Volunteers for WOW**

Share the love of Jesus with our 3-6th graders Wednesdays from 3 - 5 pm. Help once a month or more. Contact Jeni if you're interested in making a difference in the lives of children.

### **SWMN Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering 2021**

Friday, November 19

This year's theme is "Faith can move MOUNTAINS" "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

Please keep our group of students and adults in your prayers, that their faith may be deepened by this experience.

### **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>

## **Save These Dates!!**

**Sunday Dec 12th** will be our Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar, starting during coffee hour until 1 pm. There will not be a breakfast this year, and we are hoping to amp up our 'goodies' sale with more options like small portion freezer meals, pies and soups. We would love more canned goods and of course the cutouts are the most demanded item at our sale! Please contact Dana Boen 320-894-7885 if you have any craft items to donate to the sale. In mid-November, we will also have some raffle items to purchase tickets on. The drawing will take place the following week, right after the Sunday School Christmas program.

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**Friday, Dec 10th** - Come enjoy coffee and fellowship while you decorate those cutouts (and maybe sample a little). Exact time to be determined. That evening, get together at the parsonage for LEFSE NIGHT! Whether you have lefse experience or not, all are welcome. It's a fun evening and I'm sure there is some sampling done there too!

## Prayers for ...

Candy Kath – Pam Olson’s sister  
Pat Mahrer – Pam Olson’s brother  
Claire Neubauer – daughter of Mark & Lara Neubauer  
Laurie Hogberg – 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 being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic  
Military personal and their families



Notification of the death of Bruce Beckman

Service Information: Donehower Funeral Home

609 US Hwy10 East, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Visitation: Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM

Funeral: Christian Fellowship Church

28048 Meadow Drive, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Memorial Service: Saturday, November 20 at 1:00 PM

Mary Beckman address  
25540 Almquist Rd.  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

## Santa’s Closet

Is returning with Santa’s Closet Express!

We will be returning to our four sites:

Fairfax – Hector-Olivia-Renville

Donations may be sent to

Santa’s Closet-PO Box 115-Oliiva, MN 56277

Please send donations by December 1

Puzzles, toys hats, gloves, coloring books,

Sports equipment, and so much more!

**Items can be dropped at church!!**



## RCW HOSTS “BREAKFAST WITH THE BAND AND CHOIR”

**On Saturday, December 18th**, 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.

**November 14, 2021**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**



Day and night, God is our protection.

**Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	Mark 13:1-10	The signs of the end of the age
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	The resurrection of the dead
Tuesday	Hebrews 10:11-25	A call to perseverance
Wednesday	Psalms 91	Assurance of God's protection
Thursday	Philippians 4:10-14	Paul gives thanks
Friday	2 Samuel 22:1-4	David's song of thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 16	A life centered on the Lord
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the king of truth

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." Psalm 16:1-2 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of peace, when we experience scary times, help us to trust in you and remain dedicated to your word through Christ Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**Mealttime Prayer:**

God of the harvest, we thank you for the fruit of the earth that feeds us and reminds us of your constant care during our mountain top highs and valley lows. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God guide your path into joy forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ☑ Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know needed protection.
- ☑ What do you do and who do you turn to when you feel you need to be protected?
- ☑ Psalm 16 gives praise to God for being our great protector. What does that mean to you?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Mark 13:1-10.**

The Gospel of Mark was written shortly after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem by Roman soldiers in 70 A.D. It is easy to imagine that the people wondered if all hope was gone following that jarring event. Had God forsaken the people once and for all? Was this the end of time? Was Christ coming back soon? During times of national or spiritual crisis, it is easy to wonder about such questions, follow after some conspiracy theory, or follow another voice that sounds like the second coming of Christ. Jesus says, in essence, do not be misled, do not make your own predictions about the end. Our task is simple: know in your highs and lows that you are loved and protected by God; give thanks for your neighbors and serve them with joy. Trust God and Christ's reign. During difficult times, how can you show your trust in God? Pray: God of the universe, when we experience personal or social disasters, help us to keep our eyes on you and speak with confidence the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

With the advent of social media, many false messages and hopes are offered as true. Such messaging and propaganda can raise fears and sow divisions among people. Serve your neighbor by resisting extreme messages and social anxiety. Speak words of trust in God that calm one's soul and offer hope and peace to others.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Psalm 16:7 says, "I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me." When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with thoughts that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. This week, take time to read or listen to God's Word before you go to sleep. For children, use a storybook Bible. After reading, say this blessing: May the Lord make you lie down in safety and may you sleep in peace. (Psalm 4:8)

## In November 2021 we pray for....

1. For all the Saints that have gone before us. We pray especially for those who died this past year.
2. Please be with us as we cast ballots in local elections. Help us to make wise decisions and to respect others opinion.
3. We pray for newly elected public servants, that they may serve You as they serve their constituents.
4. We pray for those who are ill. We especially pray for those listed in our Church Prayer List.
5. Please Lord, help us to listen to your Word and honor you in all we do.
6. We pray for and thank you for all Caregivers.
7. As we Worship together in person and online, we thank you for our faith family.
8. We pray for unity in our families, our communities and our nation.
9. As winter approaches, we thank you for shelter. Please guide us to help those who are in need of adequate shelter.
10. On this Wednesday and every Wednesday, we pray for our WOW students and Confirmation students. Please use their teachers and mentors to guide them through their faith journey.
11. Today we remember all the Veterans of our nation. We thank them for their service and sacrifices.
12. Father, we thank you for listening to our prayers.
13. As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group homes.
14. We pray for those who suffer abuse in any form.
15. 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.
16. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please give me the strength to do Your will.
17. We pray for our church leaders and church staff as they meet to do the business of our congregation.
18. Help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and in trying to bring help and happiness to others.
19. We pray for those who have suffered betrayal in their lives, that they will learn to trust again.
20. Lord, help me to develop gentle speech that will break down rigid defenses.
21. We pray for those who grieve that they may find comfort in Your loving arms.
22. We pray for those who are afraid, that they may put their trust in you.
23. We pray for the safety of college students and families who are traveling this holiday.
24. We pray for those who suffer loneliness during the holiday season. Guide us to reach out to those who need our friendship and compassion.
25. Today we give you thanks for our many blessings.
26. Lord help me to show kindness even when feeling frustration and impatience.
27. Lord, help me to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
28. On this first Sunday in Advent, we pray that we may be able to focus our attention on what truly matters without being distracted by trivial things.
29. Dear Lord, we pray for freedom from what burdens us.
30. As we look forward to a new month, we pray that we may learn and grow in all areas of our lives.

