



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 5 - December 12

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 12.05

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday school at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Monday 12.06

Classroom in use from 3:15-4:45pm

Library in use in the evening

Cub Scouts Mtg. 6:00 PM

Tuesday 12.07

Men's Bible Study

Women's Book Club 1-3 PM

Classroom in use from 3:15-4:45pm

Wednesday 12.08

WOW 3:15 - 5:00 PM

Confirmation 7 & 8 Grade 6:00 PM

Church Women's Bible Study

Thursday 12.09

Breakfast Club at 7:07 AM

Women's Bible Study 8:15 AM

Jesus Justice League at 3:15 - 5:00

Friday 12.10

Classroom in use from 3:15-4:45pm

Cookie Decorating at 10:00 AM/All welcome

Santa Closet using church

Lefse making at Hausken's at 6:00 PM

Saturday 12.11

Santa Closet using church

Sunday 12.12

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday School Christmas program practice

Bazaar/Bake Sale & Coffee Hour



What's Happening

December Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Keith Larson & Nate Bahl

Acolytes: Cree Garcia & Wyatt McNelly

Sound Board/Clicker: Carson Howe & Preston Stuhl

Communion Server: Jeff Keltgen

Altar Guild: Kelsie Aeikens, Lisa Meints & Natashia Johnson

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: 4th Monday of month at 1:30pm/church library



Coffee Fellowship Servers

Thank you to those who have been keeping the coffee hour tradition going this year. There are open spots in the New Year. Please sign up with another family to bring treats and set up, make coffee and clean up. The fellowship that we feel as we gather as a family around tables to share our lives is important to our faith experience too. Thank you!



An Advent devotional video was posted on December 1st, for the Advent Season.

December Confirmation Schedule

December 8th – 7/8 Grade

December 15th – 9th Grade

December – 22nd & 29th (No class, Christmas Break)

Christmas is just around the corner and what a better way to shop and support our CCW when you shop our Theme Basket Auction. Beautiful baskets of various items to choose from!! Birthday, Christmas, Bridal Shower, Movie night, Care packages, or housewarming: something for all ages. Our event will be held on Sunday, December 12 starting at 9am until 12:30pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bird Island.

Jesus Justice League

Jesus Justice League (1-3 graders) will meet on December 9, 3:00-5:00. Karen Flom will meet you at the doors by the preschool playground to walk to church. Come for some fun, food, and learning!

WOW

WOW (4-6 graders) will meet on December 1, 8, and 15 from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible! (No WOW on December 22 & 29.)

Greetings Cross of Calvary members,



Join us Sunday, December 19 for our Sunday School Christmas program at 10:30 AM Christmas program rehearsals will be held on Sunday, December 5th & Sunday December 12th during Sunday school time. Please have children at church December 19th: by 9:45 AM, in their classrooms to prepare for the program. Thank you.



We are joining together with other churches in our area to have 2 ski days this winter. There will be a bus if enough people sign up. All your friends are welcome, but payment must be in advance. (You don't have to attend both events). There is no school the following day in either case. You must be in 7th grade - 12th grade to attend. Younger youth may attend with an adult. There will be a permission/waiver to fill out. Tentative details for now - The dates are: Sundays, January 16 and February 20 We will leave at: 12:30pm, the cost is: \$50.00 for bus, lift ticket and rental. We will return at: 10:30pm

It's not too late to sign up for the National Youth Gathering! The Early Bird registration has passed, but regular registration is going on now! We have 4 youth and 2 adults already signed up. Check out the website and see what it's all about.

[https:// www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Kickoff-Celebration](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Kickoff-Celebration) The down payment now is \$390 and it is due January

15. After that, the price for late registration will go up. Want to know more? These are some members who have attended a gathering in the past - Dana Boen, Pastor Matt, Jeni Skeie, Sarah Hausken, Alex Gay, and many others...Ask them about it!



Are you interested in doing any special music for Christmas? Talk to Jeni or Pastor matt. We would love for you to share your gifts and talents with us. Jeni can be reached at 320-579-0406.

Night Games 7-12th graders: Interested in playing some night games over break - on Wednesday, December 29? Meet at church for pizza at 6:30pm with night games to follow.



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 questions. Raffle tickets are on sale before and after church service. The drawing will take place December 19th, right after the Sunday School Christmas program.

Friday, Dec 10th - Come enjoy coffee and fellowship while you decorate cutouts cookies (and maybe sample a little).

Time: 10:00 AM

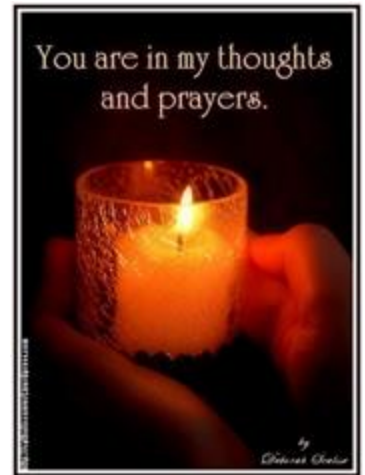
That evening, get together at the parsonage for **LEFSE NIGHT!** Whether you have lefse experience or not, all are welcome. It's a fun evening and I'm sure there is some sampling done there too!
(Time: 6:00 PM)

Lefse

Prayers for ...

Rick Alton – Sharon & Richard Alton’s son
 Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends
 Jerry Senkyr – Carol Senkyr
 Arlene Whemann – Carol Senkyr brother
 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



GIVE BLOOD

American Red Cross
 Bird Island Blood Drive
 Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
 Monday, January 3, 2022

See Flyer at church to find information for an appointment

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

In December 2021 we pray...

1. That during this busy time, we will remember "The Reason for the Season"
2. That as we continue to live in a pandemic, we will be kind & considerate to those around us
3. Lord, continue to fill me with your Holy Spirit, and turn me loose on your purposes.
4. That you will unite us as a community during this Holiday season and in the New Year.
5. For the children who bring joy to our lives
6. For those in Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Group Homes and for those who care for them.
7. That we will find ways to share your love with others now and in the future.
8. That we may take time to listen and hear your voice
9. We pray for the physical and emotional health of those working in healthcare professions.
10. That you will be with our members as they meet to share fellowship and prepare for our annual Bazaar.
11. For families and volunteers who are part of today's Santa's Closet distribution at Cross of Calvary.
12. For those who grieve the loss of loved ones this past year.
13. For those struggling with their faith
14. For the gift of shelter. Please help us to help those who don't have adequate shelter with our time, our donations and our prayers.
15. For our church leaders as they meet to do the business of our congregation.
16. For the gift of food. At this time of the year when so many have so much, there are those among us who suffer from food insecurity. Guide us to help them with our time, our donations and our prayers.
17. For safety for travelers. For our college students as they come home to spend their break with family and reunite with friends.
18. That we take the time to be quiet and to listen and hear your voice.
19. For our Sunday School students, their teachers and volunteers as they share the Christmas Story with us at their program
20. For those who struggle with addiction. We know that for many the holidays can be a difficult time. Help us to recognize those among us who need encouragement and understanding.
21. For our church staff who are working hard to prepare for our Christmas worship services.
22. With thanksgiving for the new babies bringing joy to their families on this their first Christmas
23. For the health and safety of those traveling to be with family for Christmas.
24. Bless us as we worship together today.
25. Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ.
26. That we continue to be thankful for the gift of your Son and that we share the gift of your love with others in the New Year
27. We know holidays can be difficult. We pray for anyone who is suffering abuse or betrayal.
28. Lord, I thank you for your presence in my life and in the lives of those I love.
29. Help me to show kindness and love when feeling frustration and impatience.
30. For those who are searching.....for jobs, for relationships, for guidance.
31. As we reflect on the past year, we thank you for your many blessings.



December 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prepare the way of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord
Monday	Malachi 3:1-4	The promised messenger
Tuesday	Philippians 1:3-11	Peace to God's people
Wednesday	Psalms 126	Harvest of joy
Thursday	Proverbs 24:13-14	Seek wisdom
Friday	Isaiah 40:1-11	A voice in the desert
Saturday	Luke 1:68-79	Zechariah's prophesy
Sunday	Luke 3:7-18	One more powerful is coming

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[A]s it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Luke 3:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, may we join with John the Baptist to prepare your way into the world that all may know hope, the forgiveness of sins, and the salvation you bring. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this meal and your tender mercies that bless us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus bless you with hope for each new day.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ When you are expecting company in your home, how do you prepare for their visit?
- ☑ How does preparing for the coming of Christ reflect your hope for the future?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 3:1-6.

Baptism by John the Baptist was not the same as that of Jesus. Jesus' baptism brings the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16). It is our Christian baptism that gives birth to a life of faith and salvation. John's baptism does reveal something about our life in Christ through baptism: daily renewal through repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Christian baptism begins a way of life of daily renewal in grace, free to confess shortcomings and free to receive forgiveness, new life, and new opportunities to love one's neighbor. John prepares the way of Jesus into the world, and so do we with our daily return to our baptism. Our faith, born by the Spirit, gives hope not only to us, but to the whole world because in our relationships with others, we speak of repentance, forgiveness, and salvation for all.

Discuss: How do you share this faith with others?

Pray: Come, Lord Jesus, renew us in faith each day that we may prepare for your coming into our lives so that all may live in hope through the power of forgiveness. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how can you share the hope of Jesus' coming through your actions or words?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is the Second Sunday of Advent. Light two blue/purple candles on the Advent wreath. Say: We light the first candle, the Prophet's candle, and the second candle, the Bethlehem candle, naming where Jesus will be born. May we prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives and our world with confidence and with hope for all the world.

Pray: Dear God, give us faith to trust your word, love to care for others, and hope in your promise to return and make all things new through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Special needs ministry at
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Called:

Jesus Cares Ministries

Invites you to:

A Savior is Born

Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church, 509 S. 11th St. Olivia

Wally, Nancy, Randy & Clayton would love to have their church family attend.

Join us for a time of worship with singing and the Christmas story from the Bible.

Our presenters are people living in local group homes with family and independently.



DECEMBER 2021 - Cross of Calvary Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:00 Sunday School	29 6:30 PM Library in use	30 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	1 3-5 PM WOW 6:00 PM Confirmation 9 th Grade 7:15 PM Theology on Tap	2 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Voices of Christmas	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Sunday School	6 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Fellowship hall in use 1-3	8 3-5 PM WOW 6:00 PM Confirmation 7&8 Grade 8:30 PM Women's Book Club	9 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study 3-5 PM Jesus Justice League	10 Sant's Closet using church 10:00 AM Cookie Decorating 6:00 PM Making Lefse at Hausken's	11 Santa's Closet using church
12 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:00 Sunday School Bazaar/Bake Sale 	13 6:30 PM Library in use	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	15 3-5 PM WOW 6:00 PM Confirmation 9th Grade 7:30 PM Church Council	16 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	17	18 Fellowship Hall in use from 12-4
19 9:00 AM Worship Communion 10:00 AM Coffee 10:30 Sunday School Program 	20 6:30 PM Library in use Committee Reports due	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	22 No WOW No Confirmation 7:15 PM Theology on Tap	23 No Breakfast Club No Women's Bible Study	24  Services at 4:30 PM and 9:00 PM	25 
26 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee No Sunday School	27 6:30 PM Library in use 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	29 No WOW No Confirmation 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study	30 No Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	30	1

Add to next week announcements

The church council thanks you for all you continued support this year.

A quote from the 1956 Annual Report:

"What kind of church would our church be, if every member was just like me!?"

Financial Update

2021 Annual Budget: \$285,090

Receipts through November 30: \$236,196

Need to make budget: \$48,894

Amount needed each week in December to meet budget: \$12,000