



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 9 – January 16

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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Sunday 01.09

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday school at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Monday 01.10

Library in use in the evening

Cub Scout Mtg. at 6:00 PM

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

Tuesday 01.11

Men's Bible Study 6:30 & 7:00 AM

Mission Meeting at 5:00 PM

Wednesday 01.12

Women's Bible Study at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 PM

Confirmation – Grade 9 at 6:00

Church Council at 7:00 PM

Theology on Tap

Thursday 01.13

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Jesus Justice League at 3:15 – 5:00

Quilters

Friday 01.14

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

Saturday 01.15

Classroom in use from 11 - 1

Sunday 01.16

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting will be at 10:00 AM

----Alternate day is January 23rd at 10:00 AM



Cross of Calvary Church Annual meeting will be Sunday, January 16th at 10:00 AM, alternate date is Sunday, January 23rd at 10:00 AM



Cross of Calvary Offering Envelopes have arrived. They are listed in alphabetical order. If you don't find Offering envelopes with your name on them, please contact the office. If you give online, there will not be envelopes for your family. There is a limited number of extra.

The Snowflake Bazaar Committee would like to thank those who donated to our 26th event! If you made lefse, decorated cookies, donated items for the sale and raffle, or purchased goodies and tickets... we appreciate you. This committee has been working together since 2013 and throughout the years, tried a few different changes here and there to see what works best; and we thank you all for rolling with the changes! The bazaar has helped pay for several things since then: parsonage refrigerator and landscaping, \$2000 to garage fund, \$7000 to signage by the highway, new Christmas tree for the sanctuary, kids activity bags and supplies, TV/DVD player for Sunday School and helped the youth attend the National Youth Gathering. We have had a great time working together, and are now looking for a new group to continue this important event, which financially contributes to the many projects and needs that come up. We will be more than happy to help the 'newbies' on their first year! Please contact Dana at 320-894-7885 if you feel called in this capacity and have any questions.

January Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole, Chris Hanson
Acolytes: Melissa Adamski & Bailee McLagan
Sound Board/Clicker: Daniel Welchance
Communion Helper: Gordy Blem
Altar Guild: Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern

Bible Studies

Men's Bible study: Tuesday mornings at 6:30 & 7:00 AM

Women's Bible study: Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM

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. There are open spots in the new year. Please sign up with another family to bring treats, make coffee, set up and clean up. Thank you!



Camp Sunday - January 23rd

The band will play, our JJL and WOW kids will sing and we will hear from some youth whose faith has been affected by attending camp. If you have kids who have wanted to attend but aren't sure, don't miss this!

Lutheran World Relief Sunday School Project

The Sunday school will be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on February 13. These kits are sent all over the world to aid people after natural disasters, wars and armed conflicts. We'd love your help in collecting items for these kits. Our goal is 90 kits - one for every child in Sunday school. We will start collecting donations in January. We are looking for new items only, with no religious, patriotic or military symbols. The items needed are:

Lightweight bath sized dark colored towels (20"x40"- easy to hand wash)

Bath sized bars of soap

Adult size toothbrushes

Sturdy combs

Metal nail clippers

January Confirmation Schedule

January 12th – 9th Grade

January 19th – 7/8 Grade

January 26th – 9th Grade

Jesus Justice League

Jesus Justice League (1-3 graders) will meet on January 13, 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 January 12, 19 and 26 from 3:00-5:00. Walk to church after school for snack, games and a story from the Bible!



Area churches will be doing 2 ski days this winter. There will be a bus if enough people sign up. 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. Sign up on the youth board and pick up the waiver. The dates are: Sundays, January 16 and February 20. We will leave at: 12:30pm and return at 10:30pm. The cost is: \$50.00 for bus, lift

ticket and rental



Last call for the National Youth Gathering! 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>. The down payment now is \$390 and it is due January 15. After that, the price for late registration will go

up.

National Gathering leaders - There is one month left to apply!

If you know of anyone who will be aged 19-30 at the time of the National Gathering next summer and would like to serve, please encourage them to apply as a Servant Companion!

Applications are currently open and will close on Jan. 22. A Servant Companion at past Gatherings, Kyle Lefler shares, "We saw the Gospel being acted upon in tangible, accessible ways and learned about the calling we have as Christians to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly."

2022 Summer Camp

The Early Bird Discount ends on February 15: Register before for \$50 off!

- Camp is free to those attending the national gathering!
- Check it out at the board in the back or online at GLLM.org

Contact Jeni for more information



Prayers for ...

Norma Smith – Polly Ahrens mother
Family of Pearl Christoffer – Kathy Aumer's mother
Rick Alton – Sharon & Richard Alton's son
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends
Jerry Senkyr – Carol Senkyr
Arlene Whemann – Carol Senkyr
Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister
Rita Wohler – Pam Olson's sister
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



Moments of Gratitude



Please contact the Equipping Committee if you have a moment of gratitude you would like to share with the congregation.
(Amanda Malvin, Darin Ditterich, Eric Skeie and Pastor Matt)

Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice Annual Grief Support Group Opportunity

The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays January 18, 2022 through March 8, 2022 at the Olivia Hospital & Clinic from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-523-3451 to register or online at Oliviahospital.com.

JANUARY 9, 2022

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Jesus' baptism points to a way of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration and protection
Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17	Receiving the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17	New life in Christ
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in the body of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. Luke 3:21-22a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Lord Jesus, come, Holy Spirit, strengthen us in our baptismal life and feed us with your power to believe that we are loved by God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

May the gift of this food strengthen us to live in peace and faith in Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know you are loved and precious.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ When have you received criticism that helped you?
- ☐ How can the judgment of another—or of God—be a blessing to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

In this passage we receive important themes that will continue later in the Gospel. In Luke (and Acts written by Luke), the Holy Spirit plays a large role in connecting Jesus with the church and the church with God. At Jesus' baptism, he is doing something that often happens during significant moments in his ministry in Luke: he is praying. Prayer and the work of the Spirit belong together for Jesus and for us as we are brought into the work of his eternal reign. John the Baptist speaks of a winnowing fork that separates wheat from chaff. As Luke continues to tell the story of Jesus, that separation is not about divine vengeance, but a judgment that cleanses us from our chaff, our sin, and leads us to be the church, the wheat in the world that feeds the world with God's grace. John's vision of Jesus, like ours, will change and grow. In Luke 7:19 John is perplexed by Jesus' words and actions and wonders if Jesus is the one, or should he (and we) look for another Messiah. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' baptism points to our baptism and a life of prayer, repentance, forgiveness, and growth in Christ.

Discuss: How does baptism free you to pray, seek forgiveness and grow in faith and love? Pray: Lord Jesus, may we grow in grace as we live out our baptismal life with prayer, humility, and the desire to serve you and the world in love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does your way of life show God's love to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus' baptism sets the stage for the beginning of his ministry, just as our baptism establishes our life as a follower of Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he was also praying. Use prayer as a way to recall and live your baptism. Dip your fingers into a bowl of water, make the sign of the cross on your or another's forehead or hand, and say: [I am/You are] baptized and God's beloved child. Then close by praying the Lord's Prayer and any other prayers you may wish to add.