



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**January 16 – January 23**

## 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 01.16

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday school at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

**Annual Meeting will be at 10:00 AM**

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

**Ski Day**

Monday 01.17

Library in use in the evening

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

Classroom in use from 6:30 – 7:30

Tuesday 01.18

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

Wednesday 01.19

Women's Bible Study at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 PM

Confirmation – Grade 7 & 8 at 6:00

Thursday 01.20

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters

Friday 01.21

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

Saturday 01.22

Classroom in use from 11 - 1

Sunday 01.23

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

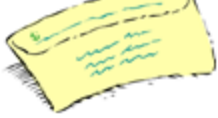
Sunday School at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

**Camp Sunday**

# What's Happening

## Offering Envelopes



**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.**

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**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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## **Camp Sunday - January 23rd**

The band will play, our JIL 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!

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## **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 19<sup>th</sup> - 7/8 Grade

January 26<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## **WOW**

WOW (4-6 graders) will meet on January 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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."

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## 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 ...

Gloria Franzen – Friends & Family  
Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family  
Norma Smith – Polly Ahrens 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



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### 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)

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### **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](http://Oliviahospital.com).

**JANUARY 16, 2022**

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**God's abundant goodness brings joy.**



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 2:1-11</b>	<b>The wedding at Cana</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 62:1-5</b>	<b>Jerusalem will be saved</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</b>	<b>Spiritual gifts</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 16:7-11</b>	<b>Song of trust in God</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 33:10-13</b>	<b>Healing after punishment</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Philemon 1:4-7</b>	<b>Philemon's love and faith</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 36:5-10</b>	<b>Human sin and God's goodness</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 4:14-21</b>	<b>Jesus returns to Nazareth</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, your love and faithfulness brings joy; may we use our gifts so that others may see Jesus as the source of your abundant goodness. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

God of abundant harvests, we thank you for this food, a sign of your constant love for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of abundant love give you joy.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ☑ Think of a friend of yours. How does that person bring you joy?
- ☑ Epiphany reveals God's saving grace in our lives. Where have you seen God's handiwork?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: John 2:1-11.**

The wedding at Cana contains Jesus' first public sign of his glory. The full intent of the sign is not completely disclosed for his hour has not yet come. His hour of glory that shows the depth of God's love and mercy will happen with his death on a cross. This first sign points to a deep understanding of Jesus' whole ministry. It is about abundance that brings joy. The amount of wine Jesus provides from the water jars was excessive, and it tasted very good. Wine in the Bible was meant to gladden the heart. It was associated with a future divine banquet as well as daily hospitality and celebration. The sign of changing water into wine at a wedding feast introduces Jesus' ministry as overflowing with goodness, joy, and love. It turns our shame and embarrassment (like a bridegroom's shame for running out of wine) into simple delight without limits, without measure. It leads us to long for more of what Jesus has in store for us.

Discuss: When have you experienced God's abundant love in your life?

Pray: God of love, give us joy in your presence that we may be a sign of your love to others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 God's abundant goodness by using your gifts and talents to care for others?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The wedding at Cana reminds us of how the Bible uses weddings and feasts to express the joy that God intends for us. To experience this joy during the Epiphany season, plan a special meal this week and invite friends. Begin by reciting Psalm 36:7-8: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

During the meal talk about what these verses mean to you. End by reciting the verses again.