



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 23 – January 30

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 01.23

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday school at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Camp Sunday

Monday 01.24

Library in use in the evening

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

Classroom in use from 6:30 – 7:30

Financial Statements in mailboxes!

Tuesday 01.25

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

Wednesday 01.26

Women's Bible Study at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 PM

Confirmation – Grade 9 at 6:00

Thursday 01.27

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters

Friday 01.28

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

Saturday 01.29

Classroom in use from 11 - 1

Sunday 01.30

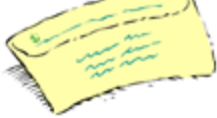
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What's Happening

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.

January Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole, Chris Hanson & Daren Sagedahl
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 JJJ 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 26th - 9th Grade

Jesus Justice League

Jesus Justice League (1-3 graders) will meet on February 10th, 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 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 another ski day 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 date is: Sunday, 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 ...

Mark Grasmon – Family & Friends
Gloria Franzen – Friends & Family
Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family
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
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)

gratitude

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.



If you are interested in helping with the job of usher, please contact Daren Sagedahl.

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Thank you!

September: Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Daren Sagedahl

October: Alex Gay, Daren Sagedahl

November: Trent Athmann, Justin Martinson, Daren Sagedahl

December: Nate Bahl, Keith Larson, Daren Sagedahl, Steve Altmann

January: Nate Cole, Chris Hanson, Daren Sagedahl

February: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

March: Curt Sather, Eric Skeie, Daren Sagedahl

April: Nate Cole, Daren Sagedahl

May:

June:

July:

August:

JANUARY 23, 2022

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Jesus sets us free.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Leviticus 25:1-17	The year of jubilee
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christian freedom
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 19:10)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that strengthens the body and your word that strengthens our souls, we thank you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and release you from all your burdens.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What is something that bothers you and makes you feel weighed down?
- ☐ How do you think Jesus can help you when you have a problem?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

Short and sweet, this is Jesus' first sermon recorded in Luke: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." What Luke wants us to know about the good news of Jesus is found in the words of Isaiah 61:1-2. The Spirit of God rests on Jesus. Jesus has good news for the poor, the captive, the blind, the oppressed. The "year of the Lord's favor" is the year of jubilee announced in Leviticus 25. It keeps society from unraveling into unlimited wealth for some and perpetual poverty for others. Every fifty years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and lands lost to debts would be returned to ancestral owners. In recognition of the use and abuse of power and wealth, the year of jubilee allowed for fresh starts. That is what Jesus brings to us, a fresh start that releases us from poverty, from whatever bondage limits our life, whatever blinds us, whatever weighs us down. As we continue to read Luke, this opening sermon will clarify who Jesus is and what he is doing for all.

Discuss: How can Jesus give you a fresh start if something has been bothering you?

Pray: Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for freeing us to serve you with thanksgiving and our neighbor in love, through Christ Jesus who preaches good news for all. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does knowing Jesus free and encourage you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The "year of the Lord's favor," mentioned in Luke 4:19 is a community experience of forgiving debts mentioned in Leviticus 25 and known as the Year of Jubilee. Create a Jubilee Jar this week and place things you and others worry about into it. At the end of the week, read what you wrote and then pray: Dear God, I thank you for being with me and giving me and others a fresh start each day through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.