



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 15 - January 22

## 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

## Pastor

Matthew Hausken

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## Parish Minister

Jeni Skeie

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## Admin. Assist.

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Sunday 01.15

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

Sunday school

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

\*after worship service

Monday 01.16

Library in use

Church in use at 6:00 PM

Tuesday 01.17

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

Worship Meeting at 7:00 PM

Wednesday 01.18

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

**WOW: 3-5 PM**

No Confirmation

Thursday 01.19

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

Friday 01.20

Saturday 01.21

Sunday 01.22

**Worship Services: 9:00 AM**

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Financial Statements will be available the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

They will be placed in your mailbox or in the office.

### **January Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Nate Cole, Chris Hanson & Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Derrick Bahl & Tyden Walsten

Clicker:

Camera: Gavin Johnson

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern



### **Confirmation Information**

January 18<sup>th</sup> - No Confirmation  
January 25<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Elementary Youth Programs**

WOW: 5-6 grades Wednesdays: 1/18

### **1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)**

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023

Worship Services: April 6th or 16th at 9:00 AM

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All Area youth grades 7-12 Ski nights will be February 19. BOLD and RCW will have no School the following day. We will leave from Cross of Calvary at 12 noon and return at 9:30ish. Cost is \$60. This includes the bus ride. Youth under age 21 may NOT drive themselves. Money must be paid and permission form turned in when signing up. Family account money can be used.



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**Camp Sunday will be January 22.** If you attended camp last year, we would love to have you help lead or share about your time at camp and how it helped you learn about the love of God. Talk to Jeni - 320-579-0406 or jeniskeie@gmail.com. Camp registration opens in December.

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### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders continues every week if there is school. (7:07 AM)

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Game night for 7-9 grades January 25, 7:30-8:30pm



**The Snowflake Bazaar committee** (old members AND new) would like to thank everyone who shopped our bake sale and had breakfast! Next year may see some changes when it comes to timing and the meal, but we appreciate all the great items donated to the bake sale and hope we can continue that tradition. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH from the bottom of our hearts! Happiest of New Years to you all!!

**Women’s Bible Study**

We will be starting a new book:  
1 King 1-11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes- Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM



**Quilters**

Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!  
Please join us on Thursday morning: starting at 9:30

*Thrivent dollars need to be taken care of  
by the end of March*



**Financial Update for Cross of Calvary**

Budget Year 2023	\$280,860					
Expenses YTD						
Revenue YTD						
Balance						

**Updates will be posted every month.**



Rhonda Haney – Family & Friends  
David Lanning – Cole family  
Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends  
Carol Horrmann – Friends & Family  
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends  
Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin  
Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends  
Bob Wittman – Family & Friends  
Ava Koep – Friends & Family  
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends  
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends  
Clifford Metteer - Family  
Jon Hackman Family  
Lyn Tesch – Family & Friends  
Pat Aalderks – Family & Friends  
Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family  
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends  
Candy Kath – Pam Olson’s sister  
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends  
Jesse Tongen – Family & Friends

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**Cross of Calvary Offering Envelopes are ready to be pick up.**  
IF you don't find your envelopes, please contact the church office.  
(We have extra envelopes)

# *Taking Faith Home*

January 12, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*God Works miracles through pain and suffering.*

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Wednesday	Psalm 77	God's mighty deeds recalled
Thursday	John 4:46-54	Jesus heals an official's son
Friday	Acts 4:23-31	Believers pray for boldness
Saturday	Psalm 40:1-11	Happy are they who trust in the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*He [God] says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (NRSV)*

## **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of power and might, we thank you for lifting up those in need and turning shame and suffering into glory and honor through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Lord, your glory and honor are seen in your care for those in need, including our need for this meal. We give you thanks through Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father bless you with grace and peace. (1 Corinthians 1:2)

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ☑ Tell or think about a time you have experienced an embarrassing moment.
- ☑ How has God been with you when you have experienced embarrassment or suffering?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Isaiah 49:1-7.**

As a nation in the ancient world, Israel had experienced the worst shame imaginable: total destruction with its leadership exiled in a foreign land. Isaiah speaks the voice of this shamed people: “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity” (v. 4). However, the good news is that God doesn’t see it that way. The glory of God’s people is so great that the restoration of the nation is not enough. Israel will be the beacon to the nations. Kings and princes will acknowledge the greatness of God (and Israel). The nation that was despised and ridiculed is now the source of hope for all the world. Salvation received by God’s chosen people will now extend to all the world. Epiphany is a time to witness to the whole world, announcing the glory and saving work of God. Jesus says, “Come and see” (John 1:39). The glory and honor of God now is shown in his Son, the lamb of God who was slain. It is still true that God works miracles through pain and suffering.

**Discuss:** Where do you see pain and suffering in the world that is in need of God’s saving work?

**Pray:** Almighty God, you know our pain and suffering. Come Holy Spirit, come Lord Jesus, bring your saving work into our lives and world that we may know your peace and joy. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who may be experiencing pain and suffering?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is one of the oldest prayers said or sung during Christian worship. Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God in the Gospel of John and in Revelation. Just as lambs were sacrificed for the sins of Israel, Jesus died and was sacrificed for the sins of the world.

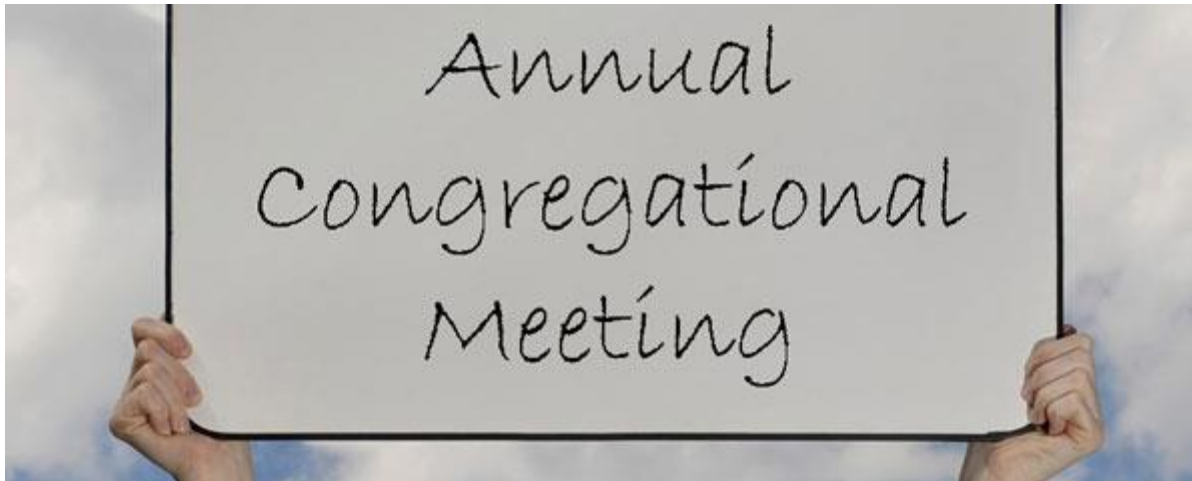
Light a candle this week and think about how Jesus came to bring love and salvation to a broken world and our broken lives.

**Pray:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>9:00 AM Worship Communion</b> No Sunday School	2	3 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	4 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 3-5 WOW <hr/> 6:30 PM - 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	5 7:07 AM Breakfast Club <hr/> 3-5 JLL	6	7
8 <b>9:00 AM Worship</b> <hr/> 10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour <hr/> Grief Bible Study	9 6:30 PM Library in use <hr/> 6-7 PM Cub Scouts Mtg. - canceled	10 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	11 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 6:30 PM - 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation <hr/> 7:45 PM Church Council	12 7:07 AM Breakfast Club <hr/> Quilters 9:30 AM <hr/> 3-5 GLUE	13	14
15 <b>9:00 AM Worship Communion</b>  <b>Annual Meeting</b>  <hr/> 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Hour <hr/> Ski Trip - noon	16 6:30 PM Library in use <hr/> 7-8 Boy Scout Mtg. <hr/> 6-7 PM Cub Scouts Mtg.	17 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <hr/> Worship Mtg. at 7:00 PM	18 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 3-5 WOW <hr/> No Confirmation	19 7:07 AM Breakfast Club <hr/> Quilters 9:30 AM	20	21
22 <b>9:00 AM Worship</b> <hr/> 10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour	23 6:30 PM Library in use <hr/> 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	24 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <hr/> Financial statements will be available!	25 9:00 Women's Bible Study <hr/> 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study <hr/> 7, 8 & 9 Grade Confirmation <hr/> Game Night at 7:30 PM	26 7:07 Breakfast Club <hr/> Quilters 9:30 AM	27	28
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Please join us for the Annual  
Congregational Meeting after  
this Sunday Church service.



We need your voice, opinion,  
and to listen to what is going at  
your church!