



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

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February Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Jessica Altmann & Sadie Gross

Clicker: Preston Stuhl

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Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem, Lowanda Frank

Sunday 01.29

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Financial Statements: have been placed in your mailbox.

Monday 01.30

Library in use

Tuesday 01.31

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

Wednesday 02.01

No Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

7th Grade Confirmation

No WOW

Thursday 02.02

No Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

Friday 02.03

Saturday 02.04

Baby Shower 10-3

Sunday 02.05

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Baptism -Larson

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

Youth activities

Confirmation Information

February 1st - 7th Grade
February 8th - 8th & 9th Grade
February 15th - 7-8-9 Grade
February 22nd - 9th Grade (Ash Wednesday)

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW - February 8th & 15th
JJL - February 9th
GLUE - February 16th

Note date changes!!!

1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023

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

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.



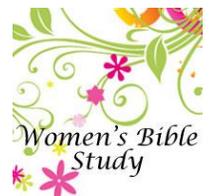
Breakfast Club

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

Women's Bible Study

We have started 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





Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
Family of Deacon Leanne Elliot
Mary Pratt – Family & Friends
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
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



Taking Faith Home

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

God is wisdom, power, and joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	Sermon on the Mount
Monday	Micah 6:1-8	True obedience
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Message of the cross
Wednesday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the Plain
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:31-49	David and Goliath
Friday	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses’ miraculous power
Saturday	Psalms 15	Life of the blameless
Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wisdom, power, and joy, help us to see and believe that in Christ and his crucifixion you have established an eternal kingdom that will bless us now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to show fairness to all, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you through Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Amen. (Micah 6:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ the crucified one free you to live in peace and joy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ How would you describe someone who is wise and powerful?
- ☑ Where we see weakness and foolishness, God can see strength and wisdom. How is this good news for us?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 5:1-12.

This passage is called the Beatitudes, a description of true bliss, holiness, and joy. It begins the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). These words open Jesus' first public preaching and set the stage for Jesus' God-giving and life-saving work. It is a startling opening statement. Jesus reverses standard understandings of who is blessed in life. When things go well it is easy for us to say, "I am blessed." However, Jesus extends blessings not to the well-off, but to those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and others. Jesus says they are blessed and experiencing some form of God-given bliss now and will also experience a reward in heaven. In society we often struggle for power, recognition, and wealth. Jesus knows that God's standards are not the same. True glory, true wisdom, true joy in life is to experience daily life with a deep-seated compassion based on justice, kindness, and humbleness (Micah 6:8).

Discuss: Where in your life have you seen or experienced compassion based on God's standards?

Pray: God of justice and mercy, open our eyes and our hearts to see the true joy of a life lived in relationship to you and in care of others through Christ Jesus, the crucified one. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you bless someone by doing an act of kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Micah was a great prophet in Israel who lived long before Jesus was born. A prophet is a teacher and one who proclaims God's will. The people asked him what God required of them. Micah told them the Lord requires them to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Each day this week take time to sit in silence and consider your actions towards others. Ask yourself, "Where did I show justice, kindness, and mercy?" Then light a candle and pray: Dear God, give me the desire to seek justice, kindness, and walk humbly each day with you and with all people. In Jesus' name, amen.