



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

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February Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Jessica Altmann & Sadie Gross

Clicker: Preston Stuhl

Camera: Aidan Grund

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem, Lowanda Frank

Sunday 02.05

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Baptism - Larson

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Financial Statements have been mailed

Monday 02.06

Library in use

Cub Scouts 6:00 PM

Tuesday 02.07

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

Wednesday 02.08

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

WOW

Thursday 02.09

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

Jesus Justice League 3-5 PM

Friday 02.10

Preschool Screening 8-2:30

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen in use 5-9

Saturday 02.11

Fellowship Hall in use 9-12

Sunday 02.12

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Baptism -Steffel

Church Council meeting after the 9:00 AM service

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



Confirmation Information

February 8th - 8th & 9th Grade
February 15th - 7-8-9 Grade
February 22nd - All grades (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)



Senior High Youth Gathering is April 14-15, 2023 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This is for 9-12 graders. (More info coming)

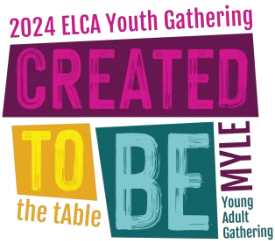


Sr. High Survivor Lock - in at Peace Lutheran in New London. Cost is \$25.00 - Youth 9-12 Graders.
Sign up on the Youth board.



Mark your calendar - 2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20. Registration will open September 15, 2023 and down payment is \$150. Total cost will be around \$1500 depending on how we travel. If you graduate in 2024-2027 you are welcome to attend. Click here for more information.

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There will also be a Young Adult National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024 for ages 18-35. Cost will be similar. If you are interested in more info, please talk to Jeni or search

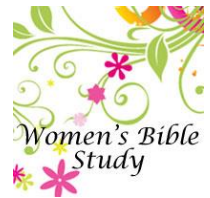
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7-9 graders are invited to attend Camp House in northern MN thru GLLM. Check it out online!

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



*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)*



Brian Metteer – Family
Kristin Carpenter – Family
Marlene Wallert - Friends
Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
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



Soup Supper

Sign up is on the “Door”.

Youth will serve on Ash Wednesday.

Dates: February 22nd – March 29th

Families please sign up on the Youth Board to bring food and work a shift.

We Love Soup Supper!!

Serving will be from 5:30 – 6:30 PM



Taking Faith Home

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The power of knowing Christ crucified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-12	False and true worship
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	True wisdom of God
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-16	Suffering as a Christian
Friday	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
Saturday	Psalm 112	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When I [Paul] came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us your wisdom to see in the cross of Christ the path of love, humility, and service to others above all else. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food give us strength to care for the needs of others as you care for us each and every day. In the name of Jesus, our crucified Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you take delight in the wisdom of God through our crucified Lord Jesus Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What motivates people to show they are more powerful than others?
- ☑ How does God show wisdom and power through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

The Corinthian church was a divided church. Some thought they had superior wisdom or superior spiritual gifts. Paul rejects such claims by focusing on God's wisdom revealed through Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified and died a criminal's death at the hands of earthly powers. Those who believe they have superior wisdom and gifts totally miss the point and rely on human standards—human wisdom—not God's. Paul's own ministry demonstrates the wisdom of God that seems like foolishness to the world. Paul did not use impressive speech. He used the message of Christ crucified, a message made powerful by the Holy Spirit, not human rhetoric. To be truly "spiritual," and therefore a blessing to the church, one needs to be grounded in spiritual wisdom that understands the power of the cross. This power can look like weakness. The very standards the arrogant use to feel superior shows their dependence on the powers and wisdom of the current age, not the power and wisdom of God through Christ crucified.

Discuss: Being forgiven can look like weakness. How can it be a powerful gift to the life of the church?

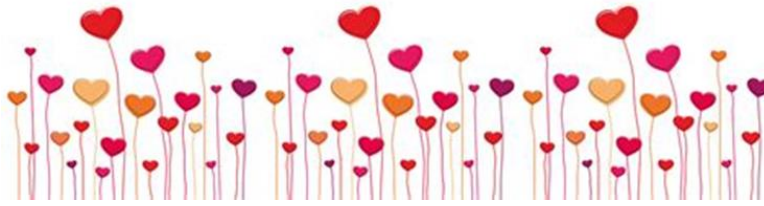
Pray: Almighty God, help us to see that in the death of Jesus your power is present to guide our daily lives and bring faith, hope, and love to all the world. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help people who feel put down by others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too! God is present in our daily lives. The home is where people are connected in intimate daily settings. Where we call home can be diverse. Matthew 5:15-16 reminds us that we don't hide the light of a lamp under a basket. We place it where "it gives light to all in the house." Jesus tells us we are the light of the world and invites us to shine our light so that others may see our good works and give glory to God. Light a candle each day this week. While you gaze at the light, think or talk about what "good works" (v. 16) you have done that day and how what you did gives glory to God.



This February we pray.....

1. That as we look forward to the extra minutes of light you give us this month, help us to be your light in our community and in the world.
2. For those who suffer loneliness. Help us to reach out to them and show your love.
3. Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear.
4. Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of our Earth.
5. We pray for those who are struggling with their mental health.
6. Forgive me, God, for being so immersed in my own life that I neglect to give others a helping hand.
7. I thank You for all those who are a positive influence in my life.
8. On this Wednesday, we pray for our WOW and confirmation students and their teachers.
9. Today we pray for our youngest students who are attending Jesus Justice League. Help them to grow in their faith and in their relationships with their church family
10. Oh Lord, I ask for your wisdom and courage.
11. We pray for those who are ill, especially those on our Cross of Calvary weekly Prayer list.
12. Today as we unite in watching the Super Bowl game, help us to remember that we are one nation, united by more than what divides us.
13. We pray for those in group homes, assisted living or long-term care and we thank you for their caregivers.
14. We celebrate those we love today and we mourn with those who have lost a partner this past year.
15. We pray for those struggling with their faith
16. Today we pray for our 3rd & 4th Graders and their leaders as they meet after school for GLUE (God Loves US Everyday)
17. We pray for the members of our church as they go about their daily lives.
18. Today I pray for fresh motivation to follow your will and your ways
19. As we gather for worship, we thank you for our church staff and all of those involved in making our worship meaningful.
20. On this President's Day, we pray for all our elected leaders. Please instill in them the wisdom and courage to lead during difficult times.
21. We pray for parents as they raise children in uncertain times.
22. On this Ash Wednesday, Help us prepare for our Lenten journey.
23. We pray for those struggling financially and especially for those facing homelessness or food insecurity.
24. We pray for safety for all those who travel in the winter months.
25. Help us to take the time to be quiet and listen for your voice
26. For those who are searching whether for jobs, relationships or guidance.
27. For those who struggle with addiction. We know the long cold winter can be difficult. Help us to give those around us encouragement.
28. Lord, we thank you, for in you we have found forgiveness of our sins.

Confirmation

February, March and April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

February 8th	8th/9th Grade Class
February 15th	7/8/9 Grades Class
February 22nd	7:00 PM- Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of our Lenten schedule. There will be no class on Ash Wednesday, but confirmation students are required to attend, weekly class and Lenten service are follows...
March 8th	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 15th	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 22nd	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 29th	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
April 5th	No Confirmation
April 6th	7:00 PM Seder Meal/First Communion
April 3rd—9th	This is Holy Week you are required to go to three of the nine services between Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Morning Matins at 7:00 AM (5), and Easter Sunday.

No Classes during Holy Week

April 7th	7:00 PM Good Friday
April 7th	Stations of the Cross
April 9th	6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Easter

Holy Week Worship Services

Ash Wednesday	February 22nd at 7:00 PM
Palm Sunday	April 2nd at 9:00 AM
Morning Matins	April 3rd - 7th (7:00 AM)
Maundy Thursday	April 6th at Noon & 7:00 PM
Good Friday	April 7th at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 9th at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM