



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

Camera: Aidan Grund

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem, Lowanda Frank

Sunday 02.12

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Baptism – Steffel

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Church Council meeting after the 9:00 AM service

Monday 02.13

Library in use

Boy Scouts 6:00 PM

Tuesday 02.14

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

Wednesday 02.15

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5

7/8/9 Grade Confirmation

Game Night 7-9 Grade until 8:30 PM

Thursday 02.16

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

GLUE 3-5 PM

Friday 02.17

Saturday 02.18

Sunday 02.19

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Lenten Worship Services for 2023

Ash Wednesday	February 22nd at Noon and 7:00 PM
Lenten Services	Wednesdays: starting March 1 st at 7:00
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



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

Quilters

Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!

Please join us on Thursday morning: starting at 9:30 AM

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

Women's Bible Study

We have started a new book:

1 King 1-11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes- Wednesday mornings at 9:00



Youth activities

Confirmation Information

February 15th – 7-8-9 Grade
February 22nd – All grades (Ash Wednesday)

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW - February 15th
JJL - March 2nd
GLUE - February 16th



1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023 – after school from 3-5 Pm

Worship Services: Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 PM or Sunday, April 16th at 9:00

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 March 10 -11, 2023 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This is for 9-12 graders.



Cost is \$75.00 for members, \$100.00 for friends. We will leave from church at 5:00 PM. Deadline to sign up is by February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)

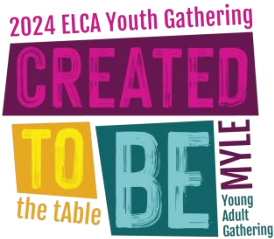


Sr. High Survivor Lock – in at Peace Lutheran in New London, on April 21-22, 2023. Cost is \$25.00 – Youth 9-12 Graders.
Sign up on the Youth board.



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 the week of June 11-15.
Check it out online!

Day Camp is June 26-29 this year. This includes kids who have completed K-6 grade. Cost is \$50.00

Prayers for...

Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends
 Donald Zarbock – Family
 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



Taking Faith Home

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus comes to bring reconciliation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Thursday	Genesis 33:1-17	Jacob and Esau meet
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you have shown us the way to love and mercy; help us to share your love and power of reconciliation with all through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a gift of life that sustains us during the good times and the difficult times through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God bless you with long life and happiness.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ What do you do when a personal relationship is not going well?
- ☒ How does your faith help you when you are struggling in a relationship?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 5:21-37.

When Jesus is teaching here, he can sound like he is undermining the law and substituting other rules to live by. However, what he is doing is not rejecting the law, but intensifying its intended outcome. The law is to preserve life for one's neighbor, one's community, and oneself. The commandments give a baseline of how to care for one another, but Jesus says, "You can do more." We are not to stop caring for our neighbor until reconciliation and understanding between one another happens. Life without fear, intimidation, or destruction is the goal for all relationships. Jesus is particularly hard on men. The patriarchal system of his day made it easy for men to abandon a woman and take another. To that Jesus says, "No!" Jesus seeks personal and public relationships that are life-giving, just as God's law is intended to be life-giving (Deuteronomy 30:16).

Discuss: Where in society or in your own relationships do you see a need for God's reconciling power?

Pray: Life-giving God, help us to treasure the gift of life and relationships so that we may seek ways not to harm people but to nurture one another through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve others in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Passing the peace is a Christian practice used in worship since the early church to experience the reconciling power of God in Christ. Historically, it is offered prior to Holy Communion in recognition of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:23-24). However, sharing God's peace is meant for more than just a worship service. The peace of God, forgiveness, and acceptance of one another is part of our daily lives. Greet others daily with the peace of the Lord. As a reminder, before meals this week light a candle and say: The peace of the Lord be with you.



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 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

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