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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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Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

March Worship Assistants

Ushers: Curt Sather, Eric Skeie & Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Eric Wussow & Preston Stuhl

Clicker: Gabriel Suess

Camera: Will Stratton

Communion Helper: Trent Athmann

Altar Guild: DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbi Kopel

Sunday 02.26

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Monday 02.27

Library in use

1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study

Tuesday 02.28

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

Wednesday 03.01

9:00 AM Women's Bible

3-5 PM WOW

5:30 – 6:30 PM Soup Supper

6:20 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Lenten Service

Thursday 03.02

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

3-5 PM JjL

Friday 03.03

Saturday 03.04

11-1 Baby Shower - Kingstrom

Sunday 03.05

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Communion

10:00 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour

"Not So" Newlywed Game: Sunday, March 5th
5:00 PM Appetizers, 5:30 PM Dinner & 6:30 PM Showtime
Sign Up on "the Door" to enjoy the show
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Lenten Worship Services for 2023

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".

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

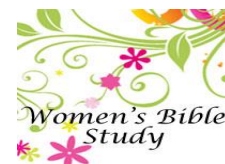
Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!

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

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



Youth activities

Confirmation Information

March Wednesdays - 6:20 PM and the Lenten services

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW – March 1st and 22nd

JJL – March 2nd

GLUE – March 9th



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

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)

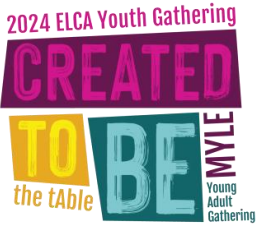
Sr. High Survivor Lock – in at Peace Lutheran in New London, on April 21-22, 2023. Cost is \$25.00 – Youth 9-12 Graders. Sign up on the Youth board.





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...

Drew Gass – Family & Friends
 Sandy Robideau – Family & friends
 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

Family of Paul Buhr
 Karletta Merwede - Friends
 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 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

Jesus conquers evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Don't worship idols
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-17	The whole armor of God
Friday	Hebrews 2:5-18	Exaltation through humiliation
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Matthew 4:10-11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, it is difficult to face the evil within and around us. Thank you for facing and conquering the power of sin through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of steadfast love and mercy, we thank you for this meal and all that you do to care for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from all evil and give you peace through Jesus Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ When you are going through difficult times, who supports you?
- ☒ Do you believe that God is always there for you in good and bad times? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 4:1-11.

After his baptism, Jesus is guided by the Holy Spirit to go out into the wilderness, a place of testing and identity formation. He is tested as he faces Satan and the basic temptations of comfort, worshiping false gods, and misuse of power. Jesus does not give in to these temptations. As the Son of God, he is adamant and without compromise. We, on the other hand, find it easy to compromise goodness in the presence of evil by tolerating comfort over justice, worship of false gods, and powers that hurt others without grieving us. In a world where little compromises lead to major sins and disappointments, it is good to know that our Savior faced down evil and won. Evil is real and does real damage to God's creation, including human beings and their relationships. The good news is that as fallible and susceptible as we are to evil, God in Christ has conquered every evil power.

Discuss: How does Jesus' victory over Satan give you strength and courage to live each day?

Pray: Eternal God, you who never give up on us and always oppose evil, we thank you for your steadfast love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

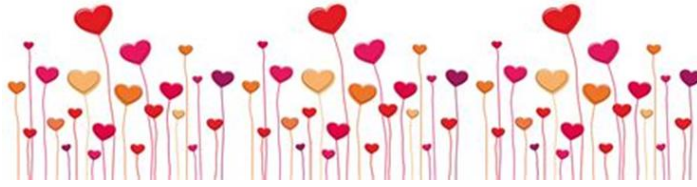
SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you reach out to someone who feels alone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. Decorate an Almsgiving Box to collect money for those in need during Lent. Place the box in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent. This week rather than eating out, place money that you might have spent in the box to give to others.

Pray: Loving God, thank you for giving us daily bread. Help us to give to others so that they may also be given daily bread. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.



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

March and April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

March 1 st	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
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

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
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