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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 03.05

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**Communion**

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

***“Not So” Newlywed Game***

Monday 03.06

6:00 PM Cub scouts

Tuesday 03.07

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

11:00 AM Library in use

Wednesday 03.08

9:00 AM Women's Bible

5:30 – 6:30 PM Soup Supper

6:20 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Lenten Service

Game Night

Theology on Tap

Thursday 03.09

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

3-5 PM GLUE

Craft Retreat 5:00 PM

Friday 03.10

Craft Retreat – All day

Sr. High Youth Gathering

Saturday 03.11

Craft Retreat – All day

Sr. High Youth Gathering

Sunday 03.05

**Worship Services: 9:00 AM**

10:00 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour

## **Lenten Worship Services for 2023**

Lenten Services	Wednesdays: starting March 1 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM
Palm Sunday	April 2nd at 9:00 AM
Morning Matins	April 3rd – 7th (7:00 AM)
Maundy Thursday/Seder Meal	April 6th at Noon & 7:00 PM
Good Friday/Stations	April 7th at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 9th at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM No Sunday School



### **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**

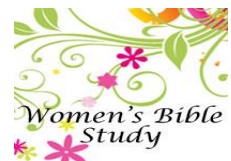
Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!

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





### **Confirmation Information**

March Wednesdays - 6:20 PM and the Lenten services

### **Elementary Youth Programs**

WOW – March 22nd

JJL – April 13th

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 22<sup>nd</sup> (Ash Wednesday)



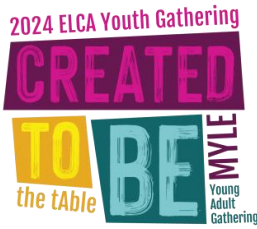
**Sr. High Survivor Lock** – in at Peace Lutheran in New London, on April 21-22, 2023. Cost is \$25.00 – Youth 9-12 Graders. Sign up on the Youth board.



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.

[https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?\\_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275)

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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!

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

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## 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  
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends  
Rhonda Haney – Family & Friends  
David Lanning – Cole family  
Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends  
Carol Horrman – Friends & Family  
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends

Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin

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  
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**

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

***God loves us all through Jesus.***

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4a	Call of Abram
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God's promise gained through faith
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3:14-20	A song of joy
Thursday	Psalms 5	Trust in God
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

*John 3:16 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Holy God, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy and not our own strength and have faith that you save the ungodly through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtimes Prayer:**

Dear Lord, you who watch our going out and coming in each and every day, we thank you for protecting us and feeding us with this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)

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

May God bless you with peace and joy, now and always.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ❑ Do you think you deserve everything you have? Explain.
- ❑ God cares for us through a whole community of care. How has God cared for and protected you through family, friends, or mentors?

## DEVOTIONS

**Read: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17.**

Even though the Gentiles were not descendants through the Torah (the law), Paul is seeking to help Jews understand that Gentiles can also be descendants of Abraham. It is important to establish that God is reliable. The promise God made to Abraham—including Gentile nations—is reliable because the covenant with Abraham was established through faith, not the flesh. It is the very character of God to include all people, not just Jews. Whether Jew or Gentile, whether good or bad, God makes a solid, reliable, and saving relationship with us through faith. God saves the ungodly sinners. How can this be? It is because we have the God who creates out of nothing. God does not need to create children of God out of our goodness through the law. God takes our broken lives and makes something new because God “gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist” (v. 17). God does this so that all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Discuss:** Where have you seen God’s love for others and does it surprise you that God saves the ungodly?

**Pray:** Loving God, you who give life to the dead and bring into existence what does not exist, thank you for creating us as children of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you offer God’s protective care to others?

## 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. This week consider an amount you might spend on yourself, and instead add that amount to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

**Pray:** Loving God, we often forget about the needs of others. Help us to remember to give generously to those in need. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

# Confirmation

## March and April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	No Confirmation
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM Seder Meal/First Communion
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> —9 <sup>th</sup>	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 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM Good Friday
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Easter

### **Holy Week Worship Services**

Palm Sunday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM
Morning Matins	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> (7:00 AM)
Maundy Thursday	April 6 <sup>th</sup> at Noon & 7:00 PM
Good Friday	April 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 3-5 PM WOW Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM 6:20-7:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lent Service	<b>2</b> 7:07 AM Breakfast Club Quilters 9:30 AM 3-5 PM JIL	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Baby Shower 11-1
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Communion</b> 10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour Not So Newlywed Dinner - 5PM	<b>6</b> 6-7 PM Cub Scouts Mtg.	<b>7</b> 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00 Women's Bible Study Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM 6:20-7:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lent Service	<b>9</b> 7:07 AM Breakfast Club Quilters 9:30 AM 3-5 GLUE 5:00 PM Craft Retreat	<b>10</b> Sr. High Youth Gathering Craft Retreat (All Day)	<b>11</b> Sr. High Youth Gathering Craft Retreat
<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Hour	<b>13</b> 7-8 Boy Scout Mtg.	<b>14</b> 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9:00 Women's Bible Study 3-5 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class (5 <sup>th</sup> Graders) Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM 6:20-7:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lent Service	<b>16</b> 7:07 AM Breakfast Club Quilters 9:30 AM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Communion</b> 10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour Church Council Meeting at 11:00 AM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study 3-5 PM WOW & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM 6:20-7:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lent Service	<b>23</b> 7:07 Breakfast Club Quilters 9:30 AM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Communion</b> 10:00 Coffee Hour Sunday School	<b>27</b> 1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study	<b>28</b> 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 3-5 PM 1st Communion Class (5 <sup>th</sup> Graders) Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 PM 6:20-7:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>30</b> 7:07 AM Breakfast Club Quilters 9:30 AM	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>