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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 03.19

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Church Council at 11:00 AM – Library

Monday 03.20

Tuesday 03.21

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

11:00 AM Library in use

(Sue out of the office: Wednesday – Sunday)

Wednesday 03.22

9:00 AM Women's Bible

Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 AM

1st Communion Class 3-5

5:30 – 6:30 PM Soup Supper

6:20 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Lenten Service

Game Night

Thursday 03.23

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

Friday 03.24

Saturday 03.25

Sunday 03.26

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Communion

10:00 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour

2023 SPRING FLOWER SALES



all ordering will be done ONLINE!!

To ORDER log on to:
www.gertensfundraising.com
STORE ID: 338

Please remember to note the youth you are buying from in order for them to receive the profits

ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 6th
The online store will be shut down on this date at 10pm.

FLOWER PICKUP
Thursday MAY 11TH
4:00pm– 6:00pm
Friday MAY 12th
8:00am-12:00pm

We encourage sellers to pick up all of their orders to distribute

All flowers must be pre-ordered ONLINE
No more filling out forms, collecting money or turning anything in!!!!
There will not be any extra flowers available for purchase

Committee Members Contact Information:

Amanda Malvin	(320) 579-1515	bamalvin@msn.com
Bobbi Kopel	(320) 522-1163	bobbiloowho@hotmail.com
Kelsey Wertish	(320) 522-2404	wertish2011@hotmail.com

*All proceeds from their individual sales will go into your family youth account.
This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like ski trips, bible camp,
youth gatherings.*

Lenten Worship Services for 2023

Lenten Services	Wednesdays: starting March 1 st 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

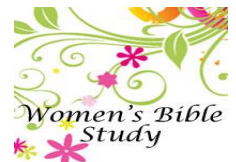
Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!

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 – April 20th



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

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

Breakfast Club

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



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.

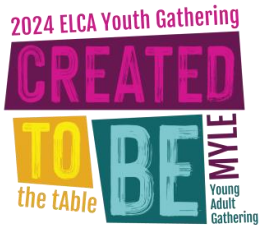
Mark your calendar - 2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20.

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!

Cross of Calvary

Ham Dinner

Sunday, April 30th

(Drive thru)





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 Horrmann – 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

This month the Mission Committee has donated to two local projects that are assisting families by providing basic needs at no cost to the family. If you would like to donate to either one, please send directly to the organization or donate to Cross of Calvary and write the name of program in memo line of your check.

The Closet

Jill Schwedirski runs The Closet at St. Paul's in Hector. Many of their Sunday school classrooms have been turned into a closet of sorts where people who need clothes, shoes, etc. can come to find some. Jill meets people and families usually by appointment, to go through and find what they need for free. She, also, meets people's needs of various sorts. They don't have the space to store lots of items, but she will often just post on Facebook that she needs a microwave, or a bed or size 2X women's clothes or 3T boys clothes.

She is connected with the County Health and Human services & helps supply for kids who have been pulled by Child Protection Services, is connected with Olivia's House of Hope to help the women there get what they need. She meets needs in the moment in that way. Donations are used for needs that aren't met by donation of items. Jill might buy a pair of work boots for a certain person or something for foster kids.

It is a ministry of the Church and not its own 501 c (3), so financial donations need to be sent to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 500 Cedar Ave E, Hector, MN 55342, with "The Closet" in the memo line.

Renville County Back-the-Pack Program

This program is a 501c(3) non-profit and has been providing weekend meals to school-age children in school districts in Renville County for the past 13 years. The meals are provided free of charge to parents. The donation from Cross of Calvary through the Mission Committee will be used to partially purchase cereal for the month of May. The cost of cereal for a month is around \$700. If you would like to assist the Backpack Program, send donations to RCBPP, 1103 Viking Drive, Olivia, MN 56277 or write RCBPP in memo line of your donation to Cross of Calvary.

Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice Annual Grief Support Group Opportunity

The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from March 22, 2023, through May 10, 2023 at the Olivia Hospital & Clinic from 2:00 to 4. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger at 320-523-3451 to register or email: Amy.C.Boettger@Healthpartners.com

St. Aloysius Men's Breakfast – Sunday, March 19th from 9 AM – 1 PM

Serving: scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, rolls, coffee, juice and milk

Adults: \$15.00, 12 and under free will offering

Olivia Lions Breakfast at Olivia American Legion – Sunday, March 26 from 9 AM- 12:30 PM

Serving: scrambled eggs, pancakes, prairie meats, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee juice & milk

Adults \$15, 5th12 years: \$7.00 and under 5 free.



Taking Faith Home

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Faith sees while absolute certainty blinds.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David is anointed king
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:8-14	Living as people of light
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:4-19	Jeremiah's call
Thursday	Proverbs 15:1-5	The Lord sees everything
Friday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus and Zacchaeus
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." John 9:39 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice and mercy, heal us of our blindness that keeps us from loving you and our neighbor through Jesus Christ, the one who came that we may see. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food that reminds us of your overflowing goodness and mercy through Christ Jesus, our shepherd. Amen. (Psalm 23)

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ's love shine on you with all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ❑ Think or talk about a time you were in a conversation and convinced you were right.
- ❑ How is faith in Jesus something different than being sure that you are right and others are wrong?

DEVOTIONS**Read: John 9:1-41.**

This story addresses extreme contrasts between sight and blindness, between those who see and those who do not see. Jesus heals a man born blind. The certainty of the Pharisees becomes their blindness. They try to refute the fact that the man was born blind. They despise him and drive him out for stating both the truth of the Jewish faith and saying that he was blind and now sees. Both the truth of the tradition and his experience are totally rejected. Jesus points out that it is the leaders' absolute certainty that shows how blind they are to the truth. There are times in our own lives when being absolutely certain about something and not seeking other possibilities shows our blindness. This story reminds us that faith and trust in Jesus is wiser and more honest than arrogant, self-confidence. Faith sees Jesus and his ability to create light and life. Human certainty is always in danger of being blind to who Jesus is and what he means for the world that God loves.

Discuss: How might your pride, sense of certainty, and arrogance get in the way of caring about others?

Pray: God of truth, help us to let go of anything that blinds us to your love and work in the world so that we may see Jesus and follow him with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you address others with humility and the ability to learn from them?

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 think or talk about the needs of those who are blind or cannot see well. Some are unable to pay for glasses or receive medical care. Add a donation to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

Pray: Loving God, help us to care for those in need of good eyesight. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Confirmation

March and April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

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
Good Friday	April 7th at 7:00 PM
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