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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

April Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole & Dave Altmann

Acolytes: Bailee McLagan & Aaron McLagan

Clicker: Eric Wussow - Camera: Aidan Grund or Derrick Bahl

Communion Helper: Stacey Larson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson & Tara Amberg

Sunday 04.16

6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Worship Service

1st Communion for 5th graders

10:00 AM Sunday school or Coffee Hour

11:30 AM Baby Shower: Brea Athmann

Monday 04.17

Tuesday 04.18

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

11:00 AM Library in use

Wednesday 04.19

9:00 AM Women's Bible

3-5 PM WOW

6:30 PM Confirmation (Gr. 7/8/9)

Church Council at 7:30 PM

Thursday 04.20

7:07 AM Breakfast Club

Quilters 9:30 AM

3-5 PM GLUE

Friday 04.21

Saturday 04.22

Sunday 04.23

9:00 AM Worship Services

10:00 AM Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Cross of Calvary

Ham Dinner

Sunday, April 30th, from 11:00 am -12:30 pm

(Drive up) Serving: Baked Ham w/ Raisin &

Cherry sauce -Cheesy Potatoes- Glazed

Carrots- Cole Slow - Bun - Dessert

Cost \$15.00



HERE'S THE NEWS

Confirmation Information

7-8-9 grade will be every week through April starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Elementary Youth Programs

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade will meet May 4.
G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade will meet April 20 and May 18.
Wow for 5-6 grade will meet April 19 and May 3 and 17.



DAY CAMP will be at Cross of Calvary June 26-29. This is for children who have finished K-6th grade. Registration will be online beginning in May. Cost is \$50.00. Family cap is \$150.00. You do not need to be a member of Cross of Calvary to attend. Invite your friends!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club invites 9th graders to attend starting April 13!!!
So, for 9-12 graders every Thursday, 7:07am

Sunday school service Project for Cross of Calvary

This year will be to Family Promise in Willmar. We will be making activity kits for the kids that they serve.

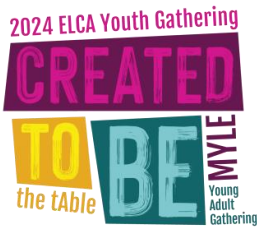
Below is an idea of what could be included in the kits.

Donations can be dropped off by the grocery cart in the back of church before Sunday, April 30. small package of crayons (16 or 24), washable markers (8 pack), stickers sheets, small notebook, glue stick, glitter glue, pom poms, small activity book and colored pencils

Sr. High Survivor Lock – April 21-22 at Peace Lutheran in New

London. Cost is \$25.00. Are you a Survivor fan? Or do you just love playing games and competing with your peers? This is for you! Our group has been invited to participate with another group and it should be a great time playing, eating, praying and competing! There will be buffs, Exile Island, hidden immunity necklaces, challenges and more! Sign up on the Youth Board. Get registration forms from Jeni.





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

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 https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275

7-9 graders are invited to attend Camp House in northern MN thru GLLM the week of June 11-15. Check it out online!



- Joyce Damhof – Sara Benson’s mother
- Dale Robideau – Heidi Morse family
- Karletta Merwede – Cole family
- Bruce Freberg – Shirley Beckler’s brother
- Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends
- Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
- Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
- Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
- Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
- Cindi Thiesse – Family & Friends

Prayer concerns will now be listed for one month only. If you need to extend or add prayers for an individual or family, please call the church office. 320-523-1574



Come and go baby shower honoring Brea Athmann

Sunday, April 16th from 11:30-1:30
 at Cross of Calvary
 Registered at Target and Amazon

Women’s Bible Study

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

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

Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra Concert

Sunday, April 16th at 4:00 PM

St. Aloysius Church, Olivia

Free will offering, all proceeds go to Renville County Food Shelf

The Learning Funhouse, (located in Bird Island) a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, provides love, education, and child care to 45+ families in the Renville County area. **Child care is critical**. Providers play an important role, not only for the families and children we serve, but parents cannot go to work and contribute to the local economy without child care. Increased costs and reduced revenue as a result of the pandemic have created large deficits, leaving centers at high risk of closure. **Your support is needed to help keep our doors open!** Please consider giving to this campaign to make sure child care is here when families need it most.

2023 DONATION OPTIONS:

- **Make a Cash Donation**
 - Any Amount is appreciated!
- **Provide Fun Activities and a Healthy Environment**
 - (12) Opportunities Available at \$1,000.00 each
- **Support Children's Healthy Meal Costs for One Month**
 - (12) Opportunities Available at \$2,000.00 each
- **Adopt a Classroom for One Year**
 - (5) Opportunities Available at \$3,000.00 each
- **Cover Building Lease Costs for One Year**
 - Opportunity Available at \$7,200.00

These requests came from expenses we incur throughout the year/month.

Your consideration of support is appreciated! Please contact Mark Glesener at 320- 522-0633, or Baylie at 320-365-3600, if you would like to donate to an opportunity listed above. If you would like to support our children through a cash donation, please make checks payable to "The Learning Funhouse" and mail to 199 South Main Street, Bird Island, MN 55310.

Olivia House of Hope

7th Annual Relentless Hope Event

Friday, May 19th at 6:00 PM at St. Aloysius Jubilee Center

All proceeds will fund the House of Hope

Purchase your ticket/table now to reserve your spot.

Tickets: \$35 or Tables of 8: \$280.00

St. Mary's Kindergartener Round-Up

Where: St. Mary's Bird Island

When: April 21, 2023

RSVP to Karen by 4/20/2023 to save your spot

See flyer by door for more details.

Mother's Day Wisdom

Motivational Speaker: Deb Hadley

Saturday, May 13th at St. Al's Jubilee Center

Breakfast at 9:30 AM/Speaker at 10:00 AM

Cost \$15.00

Ticket Info can be found on Splash Island Facebook page or by contacting any board member



Taking Faith Home

APRIL 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Resurrected Jesus gives us peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	Peter addresses the crowd
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-17	Final Greetings
Thursday	Psalm 29	The voice of God in a storm
Friday	John 14:25-31	Promise of the Holy Spirit
Saturday	Psalm 16	Song of trust in God
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, give us your peace and courage to live each day with hope and confidence through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:3)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What helps you stay calm when you experience anxious moments?
- ☐ When was a time you were afraid and your faith helped you feel at peace?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-31.

Three times in this reading Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” It’s the message of our resurrected Lord to disciples who are meeting behind locked doors in fear. Fear, anxiety, and caution are part of daily life then and now. After washing the disciple’s feet and the last supper (John 13), Jesus preaches to his disciples (John 14-16) and then offers a prayer that continues his deep-seated concern for his followers (John 17). His message is expressed in the language of John 14:1: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” At the heart of Jesus’ message is trust and confidence in God’s power for new life that is filled with peace. Christ’s peace does not take us out of the world of fear and suffering but leads us with hope in Christ’s victory from the cross that promises life, not death, hope, not despair.

Discuss: How can Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you” comfort you when you are facing fears?

Pray: God of eternal comfort and hope, give us peace to face others and the world with love and faith through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you extend to others Jesus’ words “Peace be with you”?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The words in the Gospel of John are “written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name”

(John 20:31). The Easter season is a period of fifty days, lasting from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. Make a bookmark; write the words, “Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!” on it, and decorate it. Use the bookmark in your Bible as you read through the Gospel of John during the Easter season. When you finish each reading, be reminded of our Savior, Jesus Christ’s resurrection by saying: “Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!”