



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Olivia, MN

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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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May Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Kingery, Alex Gay

Acolytes: Addelyn Malvin & Emersyn Malvin

Clicker: Bjorn Hausken Camera: Leif Hausken

Communion Helper: Sandra Gay

Altar Guild: Laura Julson, Karen van der Hagen, Sandy Padrnos,

Kaylee Padrnos

Sunday 05.14

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour

10:00 AM Magician

Monday 05.15

Office Closes at 2:00 PM

Tuesday 05.16

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

Office Closed

Wednesday 05.17

9:00 AM Women's Bible

Office Closed

Thursday 05.18

Office Closed

Friday 05.19

Saturday 05.20

Bridal Shower 10-12

Sunday 05.21

9:00 AM Worship Services

Senior Recognition Sunday

Cross of Calvary Financial Information for 2023

General Offering

YTD Budget: \$94,148.00

YTD Income: \$84,699.42

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Needed each month to make budget: \$23,750.00

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Ham Dinner a success!



Also, remember to pick up your cake pans or any other dishes that you may have left at church.



Theology on Tap

Starting Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 PM (meet at Max's Grill)
Book – "Gift of Imperfection" by Brene Brown
Please order your own book (available on Amazon)



Bridal Shower

for Bailey Elbert

Bride to be of Brayden Fischer

Saturday, May 20th from 10-12
Cross of Calvary Church



Senior Recognition will be May 21 during the 9am worship time with a short reception following. This is hosted by the Junior families.

Game night for 7-9 grade will be May 24th, 7:30-8:30pm

Breakfast Club continues every week - 9th graders started to attend after Easter. 9-12 graders meet every Thursday, 7:07am. No breakfast Club on May 18. Last day will be May 25.

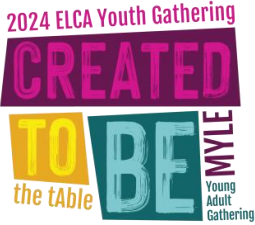
Confirmation

*There will be an orientation retreat for next year's incoming 7th graders in June.
Watch for dates.

*Affirmation of Faith retreat will be in early August for those going into 10th grade.
During this retreat we will plan your confirmation service.
Watch for details.



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. I will post the link on the Facebook page. 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! We will also be looking for volunteers to work the snacks/water, shepherd the groups, and feed evening meals to the staff. Please call or email Jeni or the church if you can help. 320-579-0406, jenniskeie@gmail.com, 320-523-1574.



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

*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*



Jon Hackmann Family
Clayton Erickson – Family & Friends
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
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
Chrissy Boen – 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

Women’s Bible Study - we will be starting a new study May 3 called “Making Sense of Scripture” by David Lose, a professor at Luther Seminary. This one will have a video segment. I would love to do an evening one if there is interest. Books are available in the office for \$15.

KITCHEN CARE

We have a new person who will be taking charge of the kitchen care to set up service groups to monthly keep an eye on our church kitchen. (Filling salt and peppers, Cream and sugar, cleaning the refrigerator and ovens etc.) I believe the idea is to set it up like the altar guild where there will be 2-3 people, men and/or women, who do this for a month each year. If you are interested in being on the list, please call Julie Mitchell at 320-522-0164. Thank you!

MAY 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Doing good through gentleness and reverence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 17:22-31	Paul in Athens
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:13-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 66:8-20	Shout praises to God
Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3:15b-16a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to see the path to life and salvation in Christ's suffering and death and to see your chosen way to heal and make all things new. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food that we eat and your love that we receive, give us strength to care for others with gentleness and deep respect. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of truth guide you into all things wise and loving.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ▣ What action do you take when you are angry at or disagree with someone?
- ▣ How do you think Jesus would respond if he had a strong difference of opinion with someone?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Peter 3:13-22.

Suffering happens. Life is sometimes painful. Followers of Jesus Christ can suffer “for doing what is right” (v. 14). Unfortunately, there are those who claim to follow Jesus and think that inflicting suffering is being a hero for “the truth.” That’s not the case for biblical truth and the way of Christ Jesus who “suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous” (v. 18). In being faithful to Christ and Christ’s way of life, we are to be bold (a hero, one might say) and give “an accounting for the hope that is in you” (v. 15). However, this description that gives a defense of what a Christian may think and believe is not to be done with anger, threats, unkind acts, or any act of violence. A courageous disciple makes their defense “with gentleness and reverence” (v. 16). Christ’s reign, unlike the powers of the present age, is built upon the power of self-giving love and service to others. It’s the way of Jesus Christ, and it’s the freeing power of the followers of Jesus Christ.

Discuss: How can being gentle and reverent show more courage than an act of violence?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to see in Jesus Christ not only the way of salvation but the way of life that witnesses to Christ with gentleness and reverence. 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 and serve alongside others who think differently than you?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships —often in our own homes. In John 14:15-21, Jesus gives us the promise of the Holy Spirit. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight this reading. Then take time to write a list of people with whom you have a personal, trusted relationship.

Pray: Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit upon me so that I may grow in my faith and form life-giving relationships. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.

For
in
Him
we live
and move
and
have
our
being

Acts 17:28

Happy
Mother's
Day