

May 3	Worship Sunday School <i>Nepal meeting</i> LYO Banquet in FH	8:30am / 10:30am 9:30am <i>11:30am</i> rsvd 3-6pm
Mon	Funeral for Nancy Haney Library reserved	11:00am 6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study Cub Scouts	6:15am / 7:00am 6:30pm-7:30pm
Wed	LAST WOWs and choirs Confirmation meal/class <i>Outreach Committee</i>	3:15-4:30pm 5:45pm / 6:30pm <i>6:30pm</i>
Fri	Spring Fling flower pick up	4:30-7:30pm
Sat	Spring Fling flower pick up Worship	8-10am 5:30pm
Sun	Worship Sunday School Special Congregational Mtg	8:30am / 10:30am 9:30am 9:30am

12 Caregiver Meeting 12:30

15 Follower deadline

16 Last Saturday evening worship service until September

17 Summer Worship – Sunday 9:00am and Senior Recognition

19 Altar Guild meeting 7pm

20 Council Meeting 7pm

21 Summer Worship – Thursday 6:30pm

25 Memorial Day – office closed

25 Ruth Circle 12:00 at Parkview

28 Dorcas Circle 10:00 at Masters

Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at crossofcalvary.net. It is updated daily.



Like the fresh air and fellowship? Come join the garden crew while we take care of the flower gardens around the church. Days and time will be decided by the group. Let's get digging!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Beginning Sunday May 17 – Sunday service is at 9:00am (Senior Recognition)
- Beginning Thursday, May 21 – Thursday worship is at 6:30pm
- No Thursday service on July 23, as members are encouraged to attend the CCD Ecumenical Service
- Fall schedule begins again on Rally Weekend (weekend after Labor Day)

NOTICE of Special Congregational Meeting

May 10 at 9:30am



Agenda

1. Approval to send an updated Cross of Calvary Church Constitution to the Synod Office for review.

Previews of the new Constitution are available at church or you may request an electronic copy from the office at crossofcalvary@gmail.com

2. Approval for the expenditure of not more than \$12,000 to remodel the office of the Minister of Faith Formation.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Craig Nordby	<i>K Barta</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Gordy Steffel	<i>K Ziesmer</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Joan Rosenow	<i>T Kadelbach</i>	McKenya Egge	<i>B Egge</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Vonna Ledeboer	<i>A Ledeboer</i>
Elaine Vagle	<i>R Linde</i>	Luella Norberg	<i>L Blem</i>

Military – Benjamin Johnson and Andy Lange

Missionaries – The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family - Paraguay
Paul and Jay Mikaelson - Bolivia

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Spring planting.

VOLUNTEERS for May

Communion 8:30—B Kopel 10:30—M Jensen

Ushers 8:30 —N Cole, J Hawkinson, R Osthus
10:30— D Torgelson, D/K Flom

Altar Guild K van der Hagen, A Boen

Acolytes G Adamski





Spring Fling Event

**at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 Chestnut Ave. • Olivia, Mn**

Friday, May 8 • 4:30 – 7:30pm

Saturday, May 9 • 8:00 – 10:00am

Plant Sale

**Variety of Huge Hanging Baskets and
8" and 12" potted geraniums.
Plants previously ordered can be
picked up either day.**

National Gathering Rummage Sale

Household & many misc. items.

C of C Youth Supper

Friday, May 9 • 4:30 – 7:30pm

\$6.00 per person

**Detroit Style Coney-dogs with a variety of
fixin's, chips, coleslaw, bar and beverage**

No one was able to answer your call? 320-523-1574

- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, leave a message on the church answering system.

Everyone is invited... TODAY

Join the CofC Outreach Committee after second service. Let's consider the best way to utilize our resources to serve those who suffer and are in need.



APRIL 2015

www.ELCA.org/disaster

Devastating images and stories are coming out of Nepal following a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25. Sections of Kathmandu, the nation's capital, and surrounding areas lie in rubble. More than 3,500 people have lost their lives, and the number continues to rise as officials make their way through rural communities. Historic buildings and houses have been leveled; roads are destroyed. The need for food, water, medical care, blankets and shelter is great.

Lutheran Disaster Response is already actively networking with

partners such as The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Lutheran World Relief, and the ACT Alliance who are already on the ground. LWF's office in Kathmandu escaped the worst of the impact of the quake and has already launched a large-scale emergency response.

Your gifts are needed now. Every gift designated to the "Nepal Area Earthquake" through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely – 100 percent – to help those impacted by the quake rebuild their lives and livelihoods.



At printing, the death toll was over 5,500.

Nepal Area Earthquake: What can you do?

Pray:

Pray for people affected by the earthquake and its aftershocks, especially as they grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Pray for the Lutheran World Relief emergency teams and other relief workers on the ground, who are standing with people and communities affected.

Merciful God,

Hear our cry for mercy in the wake of the earthquake. Reveal your presence in the midst of those who are suffering. Help us to trust in your promises of hope and life so that desperation and grief will not overtake them. Come quickly to their aid that all may know peace and joy again. Strengthen them in this time of trial with the assurance of hope we know in the death and resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Give:

100% of your gifts can be shared through the work of ELCA World Relief

Monies may be donated at any time though Cross of Calvary. These will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response and designated to "Nepal Area Earthquake."

Households should:

- Make checks payable to Cross of Calvary for any amount of their choosing
- Write "Nepal Area Earthquake" in the memo line
- Note - The amount donated will be reflected on giving statements under World Missions



You are on THE BOARD!

Thank you to the 437 who have updated your membership!

You have saved the staff and volunteers HOURS AND HOURS!

And, for the remaining 463...Remember:

- Data from the old membership program will NOT be transferred in order to insure that we will have your most current information.
- All communication will be sent out using the new program starting in June.
 - This includes the mailing of the FLOWER
- If we hold the church records for your *adult children*, their information needs to be included also.

ELECTRONIC submission is ongoing.

If you did not receive the link to the online registration, please email crossofcalvary@gmail.com, and Laurie will get it to you.

PAPER submission

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, you may submit a paper form. These are available in the Narthex. Please put your completed form in the mailbox by the office door.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



Mark Fenton, Active Living Specialist and Olympic Speed Walker, is coming to Olivia and Bird Island on May 12th and 13th.

He is here to create conversations on how we can make our communities' infrastructure more accessible to be physically active.

So, if you:

- put paint on the road, we want you there
- want our kids to ride their bikes safely in town, we want you there
- make decisions for the community, we want you there
- run/walk/drive/bike on these street/sidewalks, we want you there
- work in these communities, we want you there
- want better health for our community, we want you there

Let's work together and have this conversation that can make a huge impact for our communities health. *See below for more details.*

ACTIVE LIVING DAYS!

WHEN

May 12th 2:30-4:00pm

&

May 13th 7:00am-7:00pm

WHERE

Bird Island and Olivia

Family Fun Night Event!

BIKE RODEO 5:30 @ Main Street Park · healthy dinner · park/trail open house · obstacle course · bike education · police department · helmet decorating & giveaway · bike raffle ·

Breakfast & Lunch provided on May 13th. Please RSVP to Leah Schueler by May 1st: leah_s@co.renville.mn.us -or- (320) 523-3784

SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

@ BOLD Elementary Parking Lot
2:30 Walk Audit of Bird Island

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

@ Master's Coffee Shop

7:00-9:00 Active Living Breakfast with Mark Fenton
9:20-10:30 Mark Fenton Community Success Panel
10:30-11:45 Walk Audit of Olivia
11:45-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:20 Debrief
1:30 Helmet fitting and giveaway with 2nd graders @ BOLD Elementary with Kiwanis
2:00-2:45 School Assembly @ BOLD Elementary with Bike Alliance of MN!

@ Main Street Park in Bird Island
5:30 Bike Rodeo

SPONSORS

Becker's Hardware Hank
Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
BIO Legacy
BOLD School District
City of Bird Island & Olivia
Olivia Hardware and Rental
Olivia Kiwanis
Olivia Lions
Olivia Police Department
Prairie View Recreational Trail
RC Hospital and Clinics
Renville County Sheriff's Department
Renville County S.H.L.P.
Southern MN Beet Sugar Cooperative



Summer Stretch

Wednesdays July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
from 8:30am-3:30pm

Plus Thursday, August 6 at Valley Fair!
For Youth Completing 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

Hosted by: Christian Community Outreach Center, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Grace Community Church, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, and Faith United Methodist Church

Registration deadline is May 4, 2015

*YOU and Your Friends will not want to miss out
on this Summers Stretch!!!!*



Typical Day at Summer Stretch might include but not limited to:

8:30am Welcome and First Word

9:30am Service project could include visiting a nursing home, painting a home or hockey rink, helping at the food shelf etc.

Lunch @ Noon (Bring your own)

1:30-3:30pm Afternoon activities like: Worlds largest water fight, Capture the Flag, Movie Day

**Cost is only \$25- For students completing
Grades 6th, 7th and 8th - INCLUDES A FREE T-Shirt!!!!**

Summer Stretch 2015 Registration Form

Due May 4!

A summer program for youth completing grades 6, 7, & 8

- WHO: You and your friends who are completing Gr. 6-8
- WHAT: First Word and service projects in the morning, with a fun, social event in the afternoon!
- WHEN: Wednesdays - July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 8:30am-3:30 pm and Thursday, August 6, all day, join 2,500 other Summer Stretchers for "Summer Stretch Day" at Valley Fair
- WHERE: We will be meeting at the Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC) in Olivia and will be off site for most the day
- WHY: Meet new people, make a difference by serving in our community and have some fun! Don't forget to invite your friends! They are welcome too.
- COST: \$25 before May 4 includes programming, a t-shirt and Valley Fair ticket and transportation. Please bring a bag lunch each day.

SIGN UP TODAY: Complete the registration form and return it with the fee (payable to Christian Community Outreach Center) to the office at the church you would like to participate with or to the CCOC. Scholarships are available upon request. Don't delay, sign-up today!

Students Name _____ Current Grade (circle one): 6 7 8
Adult T-Shirt Size _____ Student's Phone # _____
Parent's Name(s) _____ & Phone # _____
Parent E-mail Address _____

I will be at Summer Stretch on the following days (circle all that apply):

July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29 August 6

FOR PARENTS ONLY: In order to make this event possible, we need each parent to volunteer for at least one day of an activity as noted below. If you are unable to help, could you find a family member, neighbor, family friend, etc. to volunteer instead? We'll contact you with more info.

- I will volunteer to drive and be an adult volunteer for a small group for the service project on these days (8:30 am – 12:00):
 July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29
- I will volunteer to help with the large group at the afternoon activity on these days (Noon – 3:30 pm)
 July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29

How many people (in addition to yourself) can fit in your vehicle? _____

***Please join our Summer Stretch Facebook Page for updated information!

Office Use Only: Date _____ Amount _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Olivia Caregiver Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 12, from 1-2pm at Cross of Calvary. Questions, please contact Barb Alsleben at 320-221-3747

The Volunteer Appreciation Salad Luncheon at Golden Living Center in Olivia will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, beginning at 1:00 at the Golden Living Center-Olivia. Please join us for lunch and fellowship, as our way of saying thanks to our loyal volunteers.



God's Story Your Story

May 3, 2015

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.
God of redemption, you have made us right with you, so that we might live in your kingdom forever. Accept our unashamed praise for the gifts you have so freely bestowed, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.
For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.
Even though Christians understand that we are saved by faith and not by works of the law, it is still tempting to believe that we go to heaven because we are good, not because God is good. We often want to believe others may not go to heaven because they are bad. But our world is not made up of such absolutes. God saves not based on our goodness or badness. God saves

because of God's goodness. Salvation is ours because we have a righteous God. Salvation is ours by faith through God's grace.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Follow the book of Romans, as Paul explains humanity's relationship with God's righteousness.

Sunday, Romans 1:1-17, *Gospel as Salvation*

Monday, Matthew 9:10-13, *Call of Matthew*

Tuesday, Romans 2:17-3:8, *The Jews and the Law*

Wednesday, Romans 3:9-20, *None Is Righteous*

Thursday, Romans 3:21-31, *Righteousness through Faith*

Friday, Romans 4:1-12, *The Example of Abraham*

Saturday, Romans 4:13-25, *God's Promise Realized through Faith*

What is Paul's purpose for writing Romans? How does he describe God's righteousness?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."


- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What sins do you consider unforgivable? What sins can be easily overlooked? Does God make a distinction between the two?**
- **What shames or embarrasses you about your life in faith? What would make that shame or embarrassment lessened?**

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Research your city's laws and ordinances. Are there any that surprise you? Is it possible to abide by every single ordinance at all times (consider your speed when you drive)? What does it say about you that you may not be able to maintain perfection? What does it say about God?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

Saving God, reveal the beauty of your grace to us in the reading of the scriptures today. Amen.

Take Note:  *Something from the service that speaks to you?
A reminder from the announcements?*