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**WorshipTimes**

Saturdays: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30

**Coffee Hour**

Sunday at 9:30 am

**Sunday School**

Sunday at 9:30 am

**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

**Our Mission**

*That all may know*

*the love of God*

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**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

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**April 30, 2017**

**Weekly Announcements**

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Cross of Calvary is the ELCA church in Olivia. We are an intergenerational (fancy word for young and old) community that follows Jesus out the building to where we live. We are all learners (disciples) here. This is a safe place to practice worship. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here.

**Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation.

Wine (red)/grape juice (white).

**Participation**

**Bold type means all of us read or pray together. Out loud.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Children in Church**

They belong here! They are hearing God’s Word, music and prayers. We don’t mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

**Announcements**

They are as printed or any new information please give to Pastor Matt prior to worship, please hand a note to Pastor with any announcements, including prayer requests.

**Restrooms**

They are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs. Changing table located in the Women’s bathroom.

**COMMUNITY and CHURCH BOARD**

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD or east bulletin board for more information /details**

**Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will hold the 33rd Annual Quilt Auction July 22nd, 2017. Proceeds from this event go to our Annual Fund which allows us to provide fun, safe, quality camping and retreating opportunities for people of all ages who use any of our three camps.**

**Quilts**: please delivery to camp by July 14th, viewing will be available online at www.gllm.org

**Silent Auction**: item must be brought to camp no later than 5:00 pm on July 20th.

**Cash Donation:**Checks may be sent to: GLLM, 9916 Lake Ave. S. Spicer, MN 56288.

More information is on the bulletin board on the east entrance.

**Marriage Retreat**

Cross of Calvary will be hosting a marriage retreat for both engaged to be married and married couples. (Engaged couples this is a requirement) The retreat will be Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm. The cost is $50.00 per couple, which includes the retreat inventory and a meal. Please sign up on the sheet on the board or contact Cross of Calvary to register. 320-523-1574

**Hospice Community Memorial Service** on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Location: the Redwood Area Hospital Education Room in Redwood Falls, MN. This memorial service is open to anyone in the community who would like to remember loved ones.

**Annual Pork Chop Dinner** at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian on Friday, May 5th from 4:30 to 7:00.

Meal features: “Famous Don’s” grilled Pork chops, baked potatoes, Cole slaw, vegetable, bread/butter, beverages and a variety of homemade desserts. Cost: one chop dinner = $10 and two chop dinner - $13.

“Enjoy first grilling of the season!!!”

**Spring Fling Ice Cream Social, Bake Sale and Bedding Plant Sale** (vegetables & flowers): also a Quilt Display. St. John Cemetery Association of Osceola Township (formerly St. John Lutheran Church-42817 850th Ave, Hector) Date: Friday, May 12 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, serving: hotdogs, BBQ’s, dessert & Ice Cream.

**Please pick up your cake pans/etc. from the Ham Dinner – Thanks!!!**

I want to thank my church family for the beautiful birthday cards. Also, I want to thank the

C of C Bible study group for the pretty flowers you gave me at the last meeting. Thank you!

Florence Malecek

**Coming up in April/May at Cross of Calvary**

**April 30 – Camp Sunday!!!**

**May 3 – Altar Guild Meeting at 7:30 pm**

**May 7 – LYO Banquet (3:00-6:00 pm)**

**May 14 – Senior Recognition Sunday**

**Last day of Sunday school**

**Sunday services start at 9:00 am**

**May 17 – Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm**

**May 18 – Thursday night services start at 6:00 pm**

**Prayer Concerns**

*Prayer Matters! Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.*

*Prayer concerns are listed for one month.*

Emergency/Pastoral Care-Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

\*Diana Adkins \*Greg & Evelyn Rosenow \*Jill Revolinski

\*Leslie Sagedahl \*Jenna Reynolds \*Vonna Ledeboer

\*Emily Reetz \*Warren Mitchell \*Barb Gomarko

\*Bert Budd

**APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

**Communion – 8:30 –- Jill Hanson 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson**

**Altar Guild – Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson**

**Acolytes – Jordan Amberg & Trent Paulson**

**Usher – 8:30 – Eric Skeie, Ron Fahse, Linda Fahse & Cheryl Mallak**

**10:30 – NEEDED: Ushers for the 10:30 services in April**

**MAY VOLUNTEERS**

**Communion – 8:30 – Eric Skeie and 10:30 – Eric Skeie**

**Altar Guild – Karen van der Hagen & Angie Boen**

**Acolytes – Caeden Gluesing & London Prokosch**

**Usher – 8:30: Nathan Cole, Rod Osthus & Jon Hawkinson**

**10:30: Duane & Karen Flom & David Torkelson**

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**VBS is June 25th-June 29th, 2017**

**** (Meal starts at 5:30 and I believe VBS starts at 6 or 6:30 and runs to 8:30)

There is a VBS planning meeting for anyone interested in helping out with leadership role on February 28th at 7pm at Our Saviors.

March 14th and 28th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

March 25th: Work day from 10-4 at Our Saviors

April 6th and 20th: Work nights from 6-8pm at Our Saviors

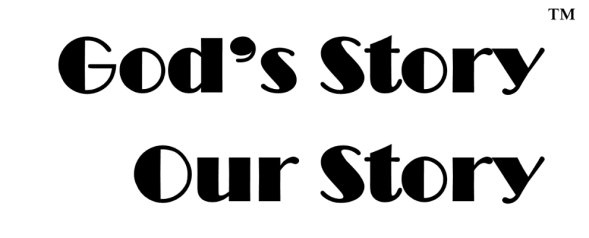
May/June TBD if needed

Many hands make this work light and there are a variety of crafts & fairly simple building projects. Any National Honor Society students seeking volunteer hours would be awesome and I am guessing that PM would offer faith elements for Confirmation students to help out as well.

**Last day of Sunday school: May 14th – students will be singing at 9:00 am service.**

**CAMP SUNDAY!!**

* Sunday, April 30 at 9:30
* 4, $50, Scholarships will be drawn
* Find out more information about camp
* Deadline is May 8th for registration to camp



**April 30, 2017**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household’s daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; 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.

**Holy Lord,  
Your servant Stephen was bold in the face of danger and death. Make us faithful in our witness, even under threat of opposition to your word, in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday’s reading.

*Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.* Acts 7:58-60

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Introducing Stephen, a man of spirit and grace who seems to speak with the authority of God. The powerful are known for attracting attention, but it may not be the sort that Stephen would have wanted. How far are Jesus’ followers willing to go?**

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week’s text.

**Sometimes the proclamation of truth is dangerous.**

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

Sunday: *Stephen’s Witness*, Acts 6:1 – 7:2a, 44-60

Monday: *Saul Persecutes the Church*, Acts 8:1-25  
Tuesday: *The Conversion of Saul,* Acts 9:1-19a   
Wednesday: *Saul Preaches in Damascus,* Acts 9:19b-31   
Thursday: *Peter and Cornelius,* Acts 10:1-33   
Friday: *Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit,* Acts 10:34-48   
Saturday: *Peter in Prison,* Acts 12:1-19

**What happened to apostles that preached Jesus?**

**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?**

**How have the duties in your faith community been distributed? How might you do things differently to best honor the gifts of those in your community?**

**What role do you play at home, at work, or at church? How are you best using your gifts to do God’s work in the world? Are you doing what God has created you to do, or is it time for a change?**

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

**Keep a calendar this week of everything you do. Include trips to the grocery store and time spent on your phone or TV. At the end of the week, evaluate your calendar. How is your time reflecting your values? Make one change next week so your time honors your values.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**God has created you with unique gifts. Use them well. Amen.**

**Mission**

**Paraguay Missionaries**

**The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family**

**Bolivia Missionaries**

**Paul and Jay Mikaelson**

**Community Garden**

There are 3 spots available in the Community Garden, south of the parsonage. If interested, please let Sue know in the office.

(Available until all spots are taken)

SUMMER STRETCH

Wednesdays July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 8:30 am-3:30pm & Thursday August 3rd(Valley Fair)

Cost is only $25.00 and for grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Includes a T-shirt and August 3rd trip to Valley Fair

Registration **Deadline is May 8th, 2017** – Registration can be done online at <https://goo.gl/forms/zbxLc2OCTQ3zwulX2> or paper forms can be turned in to one of the Ministries hosting Summer Stretch. Need more information? Contact Joan Honzay 523-2030 or [stalreligiousedjh@gmail.com](mailto:stalreligiousedjh@gmail.com)



Hosted by: CCOC, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Grace Community Church, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, United Lutheran and St. Aloysius Church

**GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary**

**Cross of Calvary** is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at **crossofcalvary.net**

2) Click on the **GIVE** button,

3) Click on **HERE TO GIVE**, then

4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your

recurring contributions.



**Thank you for your contribution!!!**