



WorshipTimes

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30

Coffee Hour

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Building Hours

Mon-Thurs

8:30-7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

Office Hours

Mon, Tues, and Thurs.;

8:30-3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30-2:00

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Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

320-523-1574

November 26, 2017



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

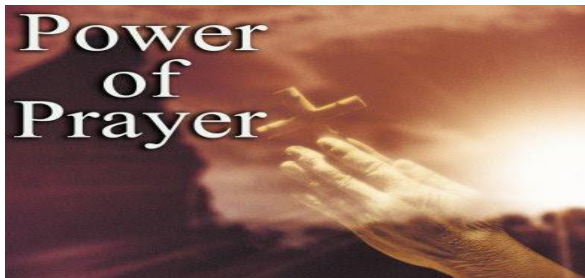
They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

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.



Prayer Concerns

Prayer Matters!

Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

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

*Jill Revolinski

*Leslie Sagedahl

*Jenna Reynolds

*Vonna Ledebor

*Emily Reetz

*Warren Mitchell

*Barb Gomarko

*Cleve Fults

*The family of Jane Johnson (Karen Flom)

*Emily Schueler

*Janice Gass

* The family of Joan Keyser (MaryAnne Bentley)

*Kent Kircher

*June Lynn

*Florence Malecek

*Joy Adkins

*Family of McKenya Egge

*McKenya Egge from the BOLD class of 2021 – Fly high McKenya 11-15-2017 may you be with us forever in our memories

The week of November 26 – December 3

Today	Worship	9:00 am
	Church Decorating	4:00 pm
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Ruth Bible Study	1:30 pm at Parkview
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Advent Service	7:00 pm
Saturday	Wedding (Lippert/Clement)	3:30 pm
	No Service	
Sunday	Service	9:00 am

DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Gordy Blem

10:30 – Paul Buhr

USHERS 8:30 – Keith Larson, Nate Bahl, David & Sue Lindquist

10:30 – Steve & Sue Altmann

ACOLYTES: Kiera Fischer & Allie Paulsen

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Malecek, Jenny Evenson & Lisa Meints



11/29 – WOW and Confirmation

11/29 – Advent Services start, Confirmation students will be attending

12/27 – No confirmation or WOW

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas

Sure could use some extra help on Sunday, November 26th starting at 4:00 with decorating. Our Sanctuary always looks beautiful for Christmas, but many hands are needed.



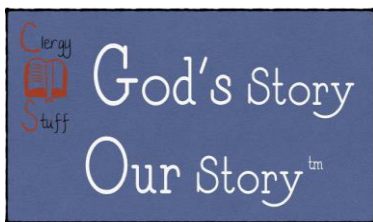
Coming in December

- 2 Wedding (Lippert/Clement)
- 3 Snowflake Bazaar
 "Good Gifts" start
- 17 Sunday School Program at 10:30 service
- 18 Good Gifts deadline to office
 Ruth Bible Study at 12:00 at Parkview (potluck)
- 20 Church Council Meeting after Advent Service
- 27 Dorcas Bible Study at 10:00 am at Masters' Coffee Shop

January 21st – Annual Meeting

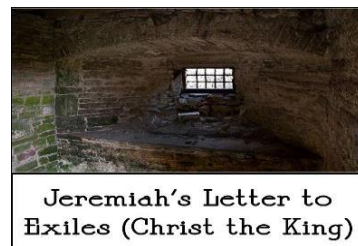
Midweek Advent Worship

7:00 pm each Wednesday evening beginning November 29, continuing December 6, December 13, and December 20. Join us in a brief half-hour time of sharing the quiet hope, waiting and preparing of the Advent season



November 27, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions



Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles (Christ the King)



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy Lord, in the darkest of times, your promises remain. Give us hope when we are tempted to despair, and keep the reminders of your mercy ever before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.



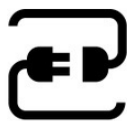
Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

11For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. (Jeremiah 29:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jeremiah has the difficult task of trying to comfort a nation brought low by exile. God still means to bless them—but they must be patient.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time your faith was shaken. What happened? Where is your faith now?

Wonder: Has God ever gone back on a promise?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you unshakable faith. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive.

Do the following activity this week.



Write a letter on behalf of people exiled in the world today. Go to Amnesty International, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, or other organization dedicated to working for justice. Learn what you can do to effect change.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14, Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

Monday, Jeremiah 1:4-19, Jeremiah's Call

Tuesday, Jeremiah 2:1-8, God Pleads with Israel to Repent

Wednesday, Jeremiah 3:1-5, Unfaithful Israel

Thursday, Jeremiah 30:1-9, Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah

Friday, Jeremiah 31:1-6, The Joyful Return of the Exiles

Saturday, Jeremiah 31:31-37, A New Covenant

Please pray for our Missionaries

Paraguay Missionaries

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson House

Women's Bible Study: Days to meet are Sunday at 9:30 am, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:15 am. Note in time change: October 31st the meeting time is 8:30 pm. Also, there will be no Bible Study November 26

CHURCH and COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

The CCOC is looking for volunteers to help with its Thanksgiving Dinner. We need volunteers on Wednesday, November 22nd at St. Aloysius starting at 2pm to help peel potatoes and debone turkeys (bring a peeler with you). We also need volunteers the day of the dinner to help serve meal, deliver meals, etc. If you are willing to help and or volunteer either of these days please call 320-523-6318 or email saraa@ccocmn.org

The CCOC Thanksgiving Dinner is Thanksgiving Day and is free will offering. We serve over 200 dine in meals and deliver over 100 meals to folks in the surrounding community. We serve empty nesters, widows, and sometimes whole families. We also deliver meals to those who are working or can't leave their homes. Already have plans for Thanksgiving? What about your neighbor? Will they be with family or alone? Everyone is part of the CCOC family, especially on Thanksgiving Day. If you know of someone who would like to have a meal delivered, please have them call 320-523-6318. All are welcome to come!

Calvary Lutheran Church of Willmar extends an invitation to its Advent Festival open hose on December -3. Ours are 1-6pm Friday & Saturday and 12-4 pm n Sunday Families and people fall ages are welcomed. This year's theme is "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come. Their music I the sanctuary ad rooms decorated around the theme. End your visit with light refreshments in the fellowship hall. NO admission charge. Calvary seeks to share the joy, hope and inspiration of Christmas with all who attend.

The Spirit of Santa's Closet: Dignity & Respect, Smiles, Happiness = Christmas Joy. Santa's Closet of Renville County welcomes all kinds of donations. See Bulletin Board in the entry way for more information. Distributions will run from Dec. 1-19.

Thanksgiving Dinner at the CCOC in Olivia: Dr. Haakenson has acquired a professional Knife and scissors sharpening machine and plans to have a work table set up during the meal at the CCOC. He has volunteered to sharpen the knives and scissors of people while they eat, for a donation to the CCOC youth ministry of \$ 2.00/knife and \$5.00/pr of scissors. Anyone interested in this should bring their cutlery in a paper bag with their name written on it. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Kingery Family Singers will be performing at Zion United Methodist Church in Danube, MN on Sunday, November 26th at 3:00 pm., everyone is welcome to attend. Open to the public. Free will donation will be taken.

Bazaar Updates:

Cutout cookie decorating will be in the fellowship hall on Friday, Dec. 1st at 1 pm. The quilting ladies are generously willing to help with this, and invite others to join them! It will be a fun time of fellowship and possible nibbling. ;)

That evening, there will be lefse making at the parsonage at 6 pm. This has been an annual tradition of making lefse for the bazaar, which is always a big seller! Whether you've been making lefse for years or don't even know what it is, you're invited to join in. If you have lefse making equipment, please bring it. If you know how to make lefse dough, please bring two batches. Otherwise, just bring yourself! There is also the possibility of nibbling at this event.

Thank you to everyone for your help for this great event!



**CROSS OF CALVARY
23RD ANNUAL
SNOWFLAKE
BAZAAR**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

WHEN
Sunday, December 3rd
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

*Please feel free to worship with us at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE
**Cross of Calvary
Lutheran Church**
1101 West Chestnut Avenue, Olivia, MN

WWW.CROSSOFCALVARY.NET

**If you would like to donate, please contact Dana Boen:
E-mail: danaraeboen@gmail.com**

BRUNCH
\$7.00
Includes scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Rolls, Coffee & Juice

BAKE SALE
Cookies by the Dozen
Lefse
Krum Kaka
Candies & Baked Goods
Too many to mention!

**CRAFTS &
HOME DECOR**
Unique handcrafted home
décor and crafts for sale!

**RAFFLE
ITEMS**

Tickets are only \$1.00!
Tickets are available for
purchase at the event and will be
drawn the same day. Need not be
present to win.

Advent – Friends and Family

Pastor would like to include families and/or groups of friends with the lighting of the Advent candles at each Sat. & Sunday service. What a joy to see children and families and neighbors taking an active role during worship as we prepare for Christmas! Please contact Pastor or Sue for more information and to choose a date and service time. (Advent services start on November 29th)



Sharing Special Music at Christmas

If you are considering providing special music at the Sunday School Service on Dec. 17, or at the Christmas Eve service(s) on Dec. 24, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below, or in the Follower, then submit it to office by the due date noted. Thanks!!

NAME _____

Cell /Home phone _____

Sunday School Program (Preschool – grade 12)	Christmas Eve (HS and adults)
Dec 17 10:30	Dec 24 please circle 4:30 or 9:00
The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 3	The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 12
Your piece is selected, and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____	Your piece is selected, and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____
It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO	It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO
Are others performing with you, and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____	Are others performing with you, and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____
You have contacted an accompanist, and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____	You have contacted an accompanist, and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____
Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____	Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? ____
Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO	Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO
You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO	You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO

Please notify Jill Hanson if you would like to share your talents during the Sunday School Christmas Program.

“Your church offering information”

We are grateful for the help to meet our ministry needs.

“Thank you for sharing your blessings in all the ways you do.”

- Our church needs \$22,500 a month to meet our budget adopted at the annual meeting
- Last month we received \$18,427
- Our membership’s 2017 offering is behind \$27,000 to date to operate the church.

Year-to-date receipts given	\$170,246
Year-to-date receipts needed for our budget	\$223,852
General Fund checking balance as of 1-1-17	\$59,904
General Fund checking balance as of 10-31-17	\$33,651

Current needs at the church above the monthly budget are:

1. New boiler at the parsonage.
2. New West entrance doors.

-these two projects are in need of replacements, we have received bids for the replacement - Boiler: between \$5,000 - \$6,000 and Doors: \$4,800.

Thank you for considering a donation to these projects!!