



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

320-523-1574

December 17, 2017



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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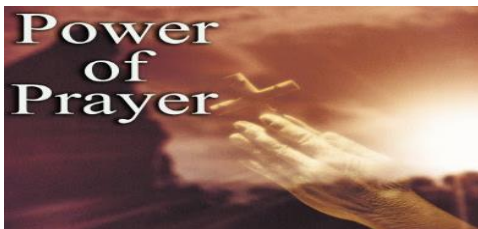
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The week of December 17-24

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School Program at 10:30 service	
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Good Gifts due to office	
	Ruth Bible Study at 12 noon at Parkview (potluck)	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Advent Service	7:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting after service	
Saturday	No Service	
Sunday	Service	9:00 am, 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm
(No service on December 30th and December 31th is at 9:00 am only)		



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



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

*Emily Reetz

*Kent Kircher

*Barb Gomarko

*Cleve Fults

*Donna Greenwell

*Janice Gass

*Mike Abrahamson

*Laura Wacek

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

Midweek Advent Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday: December 20. Join us in a brief half-hour time of sharing the quiet hope, waiting and preparing of the Advent season

**Please consider giving to GOOD
GIFTS this holiday season!**



Give
something
unexpected
this
Christmas.

Coming in December

- 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
- 23 No Service
- 24 Christmas services: 9:00 am, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm
- 27 Dorcas Bible Study at 10:00 am at Masters' Coffee Shop
No After School Programs
- 30 No service
- 31 Sunday service at 9:00 am only



Annual Congregational Meeting January 21, 2018 at 9:30 am

Thrivent Choice Dollars of Cross of Calvary will match the first \$5000 donated for the west door and the parsonage boiler projects. The total cost of the projects is estimated to be \$10,800.00. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to the church for these projects.

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.

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.



December 17, 2017

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



Word Accomplishes
God's Purpose

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



Spoken God, your word is life. Teach us to use it wisely and powerfully for the fulfilling of your will on earth. In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

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



¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

(Isaiah 55:10-11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Isaiah's eloquent prophecy rolls off the tongue like poetry. But more than just beautiful words, it paints a vivid illustration of a world restored, and good that triumphs over evil.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What kinds of words do you speak? Are your words angry, gentle, spiteful, generous, bitter, meaningful? What do your words say about you? Wonder: How does a word "accomplish that which I purpose"?

(Go out into the world and return full.) Just how powerful are words?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your words going out and coming in. Amen.

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

Do the following activity this week.



Create a "bitter words" jar. Decide on an amount of money each member of the household will put in for every time they swear, speak words that sting, are bitter, or are ungrateful. Decide together how you will use the money

collected – perhaps give it away!

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



Sunday, Isaiah 55:1-11, Word Accomplishes God's Purpose

Monday, Isaiah 40:1-11, God's People Are Comforted

Tuesday, Isaiah 53:2-12, The Suffering Servant

Wednesday, Isaiah 57:14-21, A Promise of Help and Healing

Thursday, Isaiah 59:1-8, Injustice and Oppression to Be Punished

Friday, Isaiah 61:1-11, The Good News of Deliverance

Saturday, Isaiah 65:17-25, The Glorious New Creation

Please pray for our Missionaries

Paraguay Missionaries

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson House



This Christmas, the Altar Guild is promoting the ELCA Good Gifts program.

What are you asking of me?

You are encouraged to join in support of long-term, sustainable solutions that nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. Make your donation in HONOR to or in MEMORY of loved ones and ensure that your good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They will keep on giving for years to come.

What about poinsettias?

This opportunity for giving is in place of purchasing poinsettias for the Altar. Have no worry, the Altar Guild will be placing a number of poinsettias around the Altar for Christmas.

My donation?

Any donation is welcomed. The amount you give will remain confidential, yet will show up on your yearly giving statement. Please make checks to Cross of Calvary.

Deadlines?

Monday, December 18, is the last day to submit a donation, because the names of those for whom you honor will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

How do I make a donation?

- Envelopes are in the church entry.
- Fill in the information on the front.
- Place your check or cash inside.
- Seal.
- Put envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door (not in the offering plate, please).

THIS GIFT WAS GIVEN BY

Your Name _____ phone _____

(Please note: In memory of him/her)

Make your gift a lasting one by giving money or goods in honor of the donor's name. Thank you.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Please place in the mailbox outside the office door.

Please turn in all envelopes to the church office. Thanks!!

Cross of Calvary Mission

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.





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.

You are cordially invited to the annual **Norwegian language service at Calvary Lutheran** in Willmar on Friday, December 22nd, at 7:00 pm. We are having a Lillejulaften service (Little Christmas Eve) with Norwegian scripture reading, prayers, songs, and sermon. The service folder will be in Norwegian with full English translation. (Address: 302 Olena Ave, Willmar)

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Middle School Lock In

6-8th graders are invited to join staff at Green Lake Bible Camp for a lock-in at the Chrysalis House! The plans include: door prizes, a Minute to Win It competition, tie dye and crafts, a snowman building contest, a movie, devotionals, night games, pizza and a song-fest worship. Bring your friends for a fun night at camp! - Fee: \$45 to register, contact Karen at [\(320\)796-2181](tel:3207962181) to register online, visit www.gllm.org and click on "Register for Camp" - sign in and click the retreats registration. You may access your youth account to pay for this retreat.