

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN 320-523-1574

January 21, 2018



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.

<u>Restrooms</u>

They are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

Offering Envelopes and Giving Statements are now available!

If you don't have envelopes or giving statement leave a note in the office and I will get them

for you! Thanks, Sue

The week of January 21-28, 2018

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Annual Meeting	9:30 am
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Ruth Bible Study	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
Thursday	Quilters	9:00 am
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Service	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Baptismal Anniversary	

January 25&26: The office will be closed – Staff will be at the Mid-Winter Convocation

Annual Meeting is today at 9:30 am!!



Prayer Request

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
- *Jenna Reynolds
- *Barb Gomarko
- *Donna Greenwell
- *Jolynda Luckey
- *Jill Revolinski
- *Emily Reetz
- *Cleve Fults
- *Jen Beckler
- *Bob Erickson

*Leslie Sagedahl *Kent Kircher *Laura Wacek *Mike Abrahamson *Ron Hamborg

*Isabella (Izzy) Sullivan



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 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.

TIM Team Grades 9-12 Lock-in

Date: January 21 Chaperones are still needed. There are three shifts. Please talk to Jeni, McKenna Lilja, Olivia Hanson, or Alex Revier if you can help. Anyone is invited to attend, even if you are not a member of Cross of Calvary!



Are you ready for the Super Bowl?

It may be time for pizza! It's an easy and delicious food to serve as you watch the greatest game of football! Order forms and money must be turned into the church office by Friday, January 19th at noon.

<u>PIZZA PICK UP</u> Date: February 2nd

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

Place: Cross of Calvary

<u>March 11 is Girl Scout Sunday.</u> Girl Scouts are welcome to usher, read, share special music etc. They will also be providing the coffee hour and treats. The coffee offering will go toward their silver project. They are making and teaching others to make fleece tie blankets for Santa's Closet and Lutheran World Relief. They will also have a box available for dropping off fleece donations.

<u>The Senior High Youth Gathering</u> is March 9-10 in Alexandria, MN at the Lake Geneva Christian Center for youth grades 9-12. The theme this year is "Undeniably known" and theme verse from 1 Corinthians 13:12. Cost will be \$65 for Cross of Calvary members and \$95 for friends.

<u>Summer Camp registration is coming up.</u> Early deadlines will be in February. Stay tuned for Camp Sunday! Camp information is on the back table by the youth board, or online at www.gllm.org



January 21



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

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



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

Merciful Lord, you are at once full of mercy and righteousness. Rouse us from complaisance and light your fire within us again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:14-15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Cattle, sheep, doves—all for sale. Just another day at the temple. But today, money changers had better be on their guard. Jesus is in town and he's not pleased with what has become of his Father's house.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? What questionable behaviors or customs does your community

practice that are so embedded in your community, they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change? Wonder: What happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. May God shake up your status quo. Amen.



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

Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down.

Lighten your load. Simplify.



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

Sunday, John 2:13-25, Jesus Cleanses the Temple Monday, Psalm 127:1-2, God's Blessing in the Home Tuesday, Psalm 127:3-5, God's Blessing in the Home Wednesday, Psalm 128:1-2, The Happy Home of the Faithful Thursday, Psalm 128:3-4, The Happy Home of the Faithful Friday, Psalm 128: 5-6, The Happy Home of the Faithful Saturday, Psalm 129:1-8, Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies

Events coming to Cross of Calvary

2017 Giving Statements have been distributed and many of you will find them in a sealed enveloped in your mailbox just outside the church library. Please contact Sue if you have not received one by Sunday, January 21st, otherwise after the 22nd all statements will be mailed.

Super Bowl of Caring Sunday will be coming soon on February 4th. Remember to start saving your change (coins). The Youth will be collecting on Sunday, February 4th. Thank you!!!



BAKED HAM DINNER Sunday, March 18, 2018 11:00 am – 1:00pm



The service group chair people will be calling and asking for workers and to bring desserts. We appreciate everyone's help....it takes many hands to make this event so successful! Thanks again in advance!

Thrivent Choice Dollars: March 31st is the last date to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars

Our New women's study will be the book "Keep It Shut" (What to say, how to say it and when to say nothing at all) by Karen Ehman. If people are interested, books and study guides can be ordered on your own or check to see if the library has available copies. We will begin Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm and Thursday, February 15 at 8:15am. If you need help ordering please contact Jeni

Storage needed: We are looking for someone to store the benches on the south/western side of the building. If you are able to move and store them for the winter, please let Sue know who took them & stored them.



Food Shelf has an urgent need of additional volunteers

At least 5-6 current volunteers representing 88 volunteer hours per month are experiencing a variety of health issues that prevent them from helping at the FS or driving to get there. If any of your members would consider, as Mary Ann Lewis, FS officer said, "stand in the gaps", they may contact Mary Ann at 320-523-5339 or email: mlewis1@mediacombb.net. It can be overwhelming to the current staff and your prayers are also asked for.

If you could present this information by announcements at church services and/or in your newsletters it would be appreciated. Volunteer's hours are flexible (some helping one/month, some once/week) and would fall into the Food Shelf Hours listed below:

 Mondays:
 12:45pm - 3:15pm

 Tuesdays:
 9:45am - 3:15pm

 Wednesdays:
 9:45am - 3:15pm

 Thursdays:
 4:45pm -7:15pm

 Fridays:
 12:45pm - 3:15pm

Adult Grief Support Group will begin on February 5, 2018. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this kind of support, please offer them the information on the east bulletin board.

St. John's Catholic Church of Hector is having their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 21st. The men of our parish will be serving in the church basement from 9:30 – 12:30. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham and eggs, applesauce, and beverage. This event is a FREE-WILL donation. All are invited.

Build a Burger Fundraiser

Olivia American Legion will host a Build a Burger meal for the BOLD After Prom fundraiser. The event is on Saturday, February 3. 2018. Serving starts at 5:00 pm.





2018 Lenten Study

This study will be an in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. The guide will generate meaningful conversations about the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechisms, its link to the church's faith, and its connection to Luther's life and your life today.

Dates: February 14 (Ash Wednesday) - March 28 (7sessions) Time: 6:00 PM on Wednesday Location: Church Library

Please sign up to attend and for a book. (On "The Board")

Coming Soon: Lenten Soup Suppers – Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue every Wednesday (serving 5:30-6:30 pm) through March 21st. A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board for any group who wishes to sponsor a supper.