



Worship Times

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

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April 8, 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.

Restrooms

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

The week of April 8 - 15

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Bible Study	10:00 am
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Bible Study	7:30
	Jesus Justice League	3:15-5:00
Wednesday	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation	5:30 Supper/Guest Speaker (all are welcome)
Thursday	Breakfast Club	
	Bible Study	8:15 am
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am

**Pastor Matt will be out of the office April 8 through the 15th. He will be at Stephen Ministry training.
Please contact Sue Altmann, Sarah Hausken or Jeni Skeie if there is a need.**

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Gordy Blem 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson

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

10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Ron Skrukud

ACOLYTES: Cole Visser & Ashley Frank

ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson



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

*Jill Revolinski

*Leslie Sagedahl

*Alexa Fischer

*Jenna Reynolds

* Richard Morse

* Abby Stovern

*Barb Gomarko

*Cleve Fults

*Laura Wacek

*Jen Beckler

*Mike Abrahamson

* Lyn Fischer

*Nina Lindgren

*Keith Beckler

*Caryn Behr

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☑ Do most of us awake each day to a sense of peace or worry? Why do you think that is? How do you generally begin each day?
- ☑ Martin Luther said that the judgement of the law is the “constant guest” in our lives. How do we overcome that sense of self-doubt and judgement?
- ☑ How does the resurrection make a difference in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 John 1:1–2:2.

Christianity is often described—and challenged—as primarily a set of beliefs, but in John 20:30-31 the focus is on a way of life, “that you may have life in his name.” In 1 John 1 there is a wonderful openness to an honest look at our lives; we all sin. That is not a dark view of the world. It presents a freedom not to be afraid or ashamed of our lives but to see beyond our brokenness to the power of forgiveness that creates us anew each day to start again in peace. How does that sense of Christianity and the power of the resurrection change everything? For those who don’t have this faith or hope, what are they missing? After a time for reflection, recite the following: (1 John 1:8-9) **“if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

Pray: **Dear Risen Christ, replace our worries with peace, our fears with courage, and our unbelief with faith. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Acts 4:32-35, life in the community that trusts the power of the resurrection has a changed understanding of property and how we care for each other. Finally, everything is God’s more than it is “mine” to use for my own pleasure. This is not an endorsement of an economic system. It is a confession of faith and a commitment to love the neighbor as oneself. Rethink everything you own as a loan from God to love others. How might that influence your actions today?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In what ways can you share the peace with others and in your home or when visiting friends? It can be a handshake, hug, or a high five. There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another in public worship as a physical expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. It connects directly to Jesus greeting his disciples in the resurrection. That public greeting also extends to personal greetings. Share the sign of peace: **“The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.”**

Cross of Calvary News

It's a Birthday party: Deloris Abraham's 100th birthday. A party will be held at the Savage Senior Living Center on April 22nd from 2-4 pm. The address is: Fenpoint 5950 West 130th Lane, Savage, MN 55378. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Open house Bridal shower will be held Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 – 12:00 pm at Cross of Calvary church for Miranda Braun and Troy Honzay. (Son of Bob & the late Barb Honzay)



The Cross of Calvary Men's group will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 18th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Please see the flyer on the board for donations and workers needed.

Youth News

Help Us Get to Houston

The National Lutheran Youth Gathering is estimated to cost \$1,300 for each person attending. Your donations help get us there, where we can Change Everything! If you are able to donate, select an envelope with the desired dollar amount you are willing to donate. Please put that amount in the envelope and turn in to church office no later than May 4th. Turn your envelopes in early so they can be reused by another gracious donor. Your donations are truly appreciated!



Thank you!!

Emily Eva McKenna Danny Emma
Trey Olivia Andrew Ben Brady
Caeden Carson Leif Noah Will
Andy Cam Jack Lily Nicholas

2018 Spring Fling Flower Sales



It is that time of year again when the youth of Cross of Calvary have the opportunity to sell flowers!!!

Sales will run Sunday, March 25th – Friday, April 13th
Flower Pickup will be Friday, May 11th
(Please note that pickup is ONLY on Friday)

All proceeds from individual sales will go into your family youth account. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like bible camp or youth gatherings!!

Never done this before? Here is how it works:

- As orders are taken, fill out one INDIVIDUAL ORDER FORM for buyer.
- Once you have completed your selling, please total all orders together on the MASTER ORDER FORM with your overall family total sold.
- You must collect money with order. Checks can be made out to "Cross of Calvary Youth"
- Turn in all forms and money on or before **FRIDAY, APRIL 15th**.
- All forms and money can be turned in to Sue Altmann in the church office (please do not leave them in the mailbox) or to one of the committee members.
- Customers can pick up their orders on Friday, May 11 from 4:30 – 7:30pm at the church.
 - *If they are unable to pick up at this time, it is the seller's responsibility to pick up and deliver them. If you need to make arrangements for another pick up time please contact one of the committee members.*

NO ORDERS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER APRIL 15TH

Cost:

Hanging Baskets	\$22.00	Ivy Geranium, Pansies, Impatiens Wave Petunia, and Begonias
8" Pot	\$16.00	Geraniums
12" Pot	\$26.00	Geraniums

Committee Members Contact Information:

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***Plants come from Dundee Nursery (Carr Flowers) of Hutchinson*

APRIL 8, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The risen Jesus gives us peace.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1–2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	John 14:23-31	Jesus speaks of peace
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	We have peace with God
Friday	Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace be with you
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

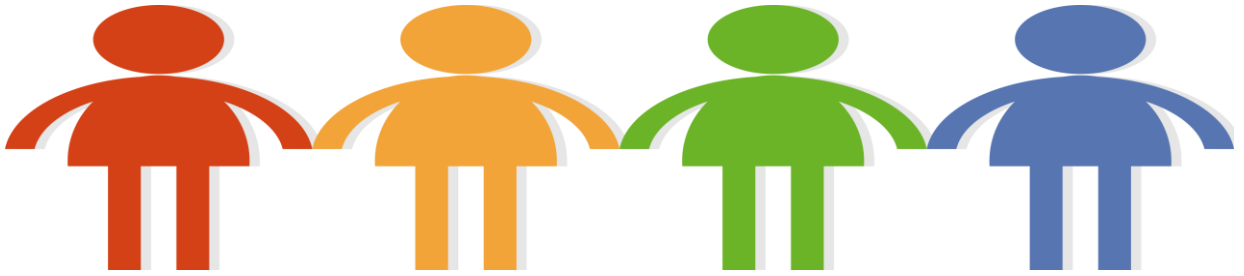
Dear Risen Christ, replace our worries with peace, our fears with courage, and our unbelief with faith. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, you give us food for the body and peace for the soul. May faith be our way and love be our goal. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing that you have life in his name. (John 20:31)



Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity: “Good Grief” is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday night April 9 and April 16 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Heidi at 320-523-3451 to register.

The Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra: The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra (including the Woodbury Singers of Renville County) under the direction of Associate Director Richard Alton will present “Songs of Hope” at St. Aloysius Catholic Church at 4:00 pm on April 15, 2018. This will be the 25th concert performed for the benefit of the Renville County Food Shelf. The concert is free, no tickets required and 100% of a free will offering will go to the Food Shelf. If you can’t make April 15th, there will be a second performs on Sunday, April 8th at 4:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar.

Cross of Calvary Community Garden: please sign up in the church office for a 15’ x 15’ garden plot. in this year’s garden. March will be a garden cleaning month. Trim raspberry bushes, etc. You do not need to be involved at Cross of Calvary to have a garden plot. We would like to fill with church members first, then open plots to everyone. Cost for a plot is \$25.00. (Four plots still available, please let the office know ASAP! If you are interested)

Thinking of your garden and how to get started? Check out this website from UMN extension office.
<http://blog-yard-garden-news.extension.umn.edu/2018/03/april-to-do-list-for-vegetable-gardening.html>

Hope For Our City: Grocery distribution at CCOC (next to Masters Coffee Shop) EVERY Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bring \$2 and 2 bags to take home 6-8 food items, Fresh veggie/fruit, breads, dairy, deli items, etc...., All are welcome; invite everyone in Renville Co. No income qualifications – Register 320-894-4763 Call/text by 3:00 Tuesday for Wednesday pickup

Lest We Forget: April 21st 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the disappearance, of Hutchinson Native, Lyle E. Mackedanz in Viet Nam. In remembrance of Lyle and the five other crew members of Fosdick Five, a special salute will be happening at the McLeod County Veterans Park in Hutchinson at 2:00 pm on April 21st. Donations to help cover the cost of bringing the Huey are needed. This donation is a tax deductible event. This was Cindy Johnson’s father. See flyer for more information.

Harrison Community Presbyterian Church in Spicer MN will be having a 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2018. There will be a program/open house from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to help them celebrate this milestone.

On Friday, April 13th **United Lutheran Church** of Lake Lillian, MN will be hosting their Annual Spring Salad Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Program is “HATS” by Linda Hanson. There will be a free will offering.

Friends of the Arts presents “Polyester” - a musical comedy. Please come & enjoy - & bring a friend! It will tickle your funny bone! April 13, 14 at 7:30 pm; April 15 at 2:00 pm., held at RCW Old Gym- Handicap accessible. Tickets at the door: Adults: \$15 Students: \$10

Prairie Arts Chorale, Singers of Southwestern Minnesota, under the direction of Cheryl Jeska and Kathy Reese, invite you to join them for an evening of music “By Request”. You asked....we listened.....we sing! The chorale will be performing favorite tunes from Broadway, Jazz, Pop, and Country and will be performing in Olivia at the Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church and B & D Market located in Olivia. You may also call Kathy Reese, (320) 522-0696 for tickets. We hope you can join us. Please visit www.prairieartschorale.org for more information including other performance dates and locations.

Let’s All Become A Back-the-Pack Hero!! There is a flyer available to all who are interested in helping with this program. Ask an usher! Thanks!!

Kenya Mission Talk with Dav Neubauer

Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm at Cross of Calvary Church



Join us to hear about the mission work Dav Neubauer has been involved with in Kenya. He works with the people of a particular village, accompanying them as they work towards self sufficiency. Cross of Calvary member, Chloe Altmann will be

traveling to Kenya with Dav this September to assist in this mission.