



# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

320-523-1574

April 29, 2018



## 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 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.

### 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 Skrukrud

ACOLYTES: Cole Visser & Ashley Frank

ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson

## The week of April 29 – May 6

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Bible Study	7:30
<b>Wednesday</b>	WOW	3:15–5:00
	Altar Guild Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast Club	
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	Service	5:30 pm
	Baby Shower	12-3 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Baptism – Erickson	10:30 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

\*Jill Revolinski

\*Leslie Sagedahl

\*Jenna Reynolds

\*Cleve Fults

\*Laura Wacek

\*Mike Abrahamson

\*Alexa Fischer

\*Caryn Behr

## 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

## Sr. High Youth Group

Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Games, Social Time, Devotions

Contact: TIM Team, Olivia Hanson, McKenna Lilja, Alex Revier

## Day Camp @ Cross of Calvary by Green Lake staff

for youth who have finished grades K-6

Cost \$30.00

Mark your calendar for July 8-12, from 1-6p.m.

Watch for details and an online registration



## Summer Bible Camp

Camp information is on table beneath Youth Board.

Register at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) and fill out our info sheet.

Cross of Calvary youth get \$100 in scholarships right off the bat.

Contact: Sarah or Jeni

## Flower Delivery is almost upon us!!!

You've sold, you've collected money and now we have the opportunity to deliver!!

If you would be available to help unload and organize flowers Friday morning, May 11th, from 9:00-ish until we are done (usually before noon) OR to help during delivery your help would be welcomed. The hours you work equate to a 'share' to your youth account. Basically, we take the profit from all extra sales and divvy it up amongst the worker's youth account.

We also like to have youth help at this since it is actually for THEM so if you have kids that are not in sports or working that day and willing to help let us know that too.

If you and/or your child have interest let one of us know:

### **Committee Members Contact Information:**

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## Cross of Calvary News

We are looking for pianist/organist to play at Cross of Calvary worship services, please contact the church office if interested. (Paid position)



### **Stephen ministry**

One-to-one caring ministry planting a seed of hope and healing

For more information talk to Jeni Skeie, Carole Buhr, or Pastor Matt

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday May 6, 2018 at 9:35 a.m.**

Regarding: Constructing a 24' x 24' storage building east of our parking lot.

Have you ever wondered where all the extra bulky items like the lawn mowers and other grounds equipment, Christmas exterior stable, etc.... are stored? Have you ever wondered how every year the grounds are wonderfully maintained by dedicated volunteers but how they get to and service that equipment? The current shed has served us for many years but is inadequate for some or our current storage needs so please join us on May 6th to discuss the raising of funds and proceeding with this important project.

"**Better Together Redwood Falls**" will provide 120,000 meals for local food shelves, backpack programs and disabled/homeless veterans, as we build community by working side by side. We will be "better together!" There are opportunities to volunteer from 7 am to 5 pm, but please join other Cross of Calvary members in packing meals from 9 am - 11 am on Friday, June 8. Make sure to sign up here as space is limited to 150 volunteers per shift. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a8a82ea6f94-better>

# **Cross of Calvary & Our Saviors Annual Golf Tournament**



**What: Scramble Golf**

**When: May 20, 2018**

**Where: Olivia Golf Course**

**Who: EVERYONE!!!!**

**Cost: \$50.00 per person,  
4 person team**

**Things included in the day: golf & dinner  
Lunch (free will donation)**

Contact: Dave Altmann or Pastor Matt with questions

(2 teams signed up so far, looking to have 10 teams)

Come join the fun and help the youth with their trip to Houston, to learn more on how to serve others and God!!

# April 29, 2018

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



God's love is the power that enables human love.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>	<b>Jesus the true vine</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40</b>	<b>Philip and the eunuch</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 4:7-21</b>	<b>God is love</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 10:12-19</b>	<b>What the Lord wants</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	<b>The first commandment</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Galatians 3:23-29</b>	<b>Purpose of the law</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 22:25-31</b>	<b>A vow of thanksgiving</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:9-17</b>	<b>Love one another</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **1 John 4:10**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, just as you reached out to the Ethiopian eunuch and claimed him as your own in baptism, help your church to share your love throughout the world. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this food and drink and love. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God bless you, live in you, and be perfected in you. (1 John 4:12)

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☑ Tell a story about how you have been loved by others.
- ☑ How is God’s love for us shown through Jesus?
- ☑ Why is it important to know that God’s love for us comes before we can love God?

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Acts 8:26-40 or the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in a storybook Bible.

The eunuch could not have a child and was a social and religious outcast. When the eunuch asks, “What is to prevent me from being baptized?” there were clear human standards that could prevent this religious act. However, the eunuch’s baptism is not about human standards of performance, but God’s. The story begins and ends with the role of the Spirit of God (vv. 26, 29, and 39). If baptism is a human act, the eunuch would be prevented from baptism, but in the New Testament, the Christian baptism is God’s act, not a human act. That is why entire families—people of all ages—were baptized (Acts 16:15, 33). In baptism God comes and breaks down barriers that separate us from the love of God by claiming us as God’s children. God comes to us and loves us before we can ever come to God and love God (John 15:5 and 1 John 4:10, 19). If that were not the case, the danger would be that we will never know for sure if our approach to God was pure enough or faithful enough. Thanks be to God, our relationship to God is not based on our pure heart but God’s. Reflect on God’s love as the power that enables our love for God and for others.

*Pray:* The Lord’s Prayer.

## **SERVICE**

The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:6). We, like the women are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ’s victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God’s love to them. Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Christianity in Ethiopia dates back to the first century and is likely the first nation to accept Christianity. In honor of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch and the long history of Christianity in Ethiopia, consider having an Easter meal traditional to Ethiopia, one that includes a sour dough bread (*injera*) and a lamb stew (*beg wot*). Make it more festive by inviting family and friends.

## **Community News**

You are cordially invited to attend “**The Dedication Services**” of Hawk Creek Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, MN on Sunday, April 29th. Please see card on bulletin board for more details.

**Cross of Calvary Community Garden:** Work night will be Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm. Come in work clothes and bring equipment to help.

**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

**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.

**You’re invited to attend Our Spring Dinner at First Lutheran Church** on Sunday, April 29th from 11:15 – 1:00pm. Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Glazed Carrots, Pistachio Salad, Dinner Roll & Spring Dessert with beverage. Tickets: Adults - \$10.00, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 and Ages 5 & under Free. Address: 316 SW 3rd St., Renville MN.

**Annual PORK CHOP DINNER at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian** on Friday, May 4th, 2018. Serving from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Meal features: “Famous Don’s” grilled Pork chops, baked potatoes, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Bread/butter, Beverages, and a variety of homemade desserts. One chop dinner: \$10.00 and tow chop dinner: \$13.00 “Enjoy first grilling of the season”!