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### Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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

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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.

<u>Announcements</u> 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.

#### MAY VOLUNTEER

COMMUNION 8:30 – Alex Gay 10:30 – Tashia Johnson USHERS 8:30 – Jon Hawkinson, Nate Cole & Rod Osthus 10:30 – Duane & Karen Flom & David Torgelson ACOLYTES: Jerson Kopka & Carson Kubesh ALTAR GUILD: Karen van der Hagen & Angie Boen

<u>The week of May 6 - 13</u>				
Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30		
	Baptism – Erickson	10:30		
	Special Congregational Meeting at 9:35am			
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm		
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am		
	Jesus Justice League	3:15 - 5:00		
Wednesday	WOW	3:15-5:00		
	Stephen Ministry Training	6:00 - 8:30		
Thursday	Breakfast Club			
Friday	Flower Unloading	about 9:00 am		
	Flower Distribution	4:30 – 7:30 pm		
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm		
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am		
	Baptism – Bellig	10:30 am		
	Last day of Sunday school			
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### Senior Recognition Day –Please join the Seniors in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Cake, after the first service.

**Reminder:** Ruth Bible study will be Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Parkview at noon. Dorcas Bible Study will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Masters at 10:00 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

\*Betsy Hennen

\*Laura Wacek \*Izzy Sullivan

\*Jill Revolinski

\*Leslie Sagedahl \*Mike Abrahamson

\*Jenna Reynolds \*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. Turn your envelopes in early so they can be reused by another gracious donor. Your donations are truly appreciated! **Thank you!!** 

Emilv McKenna Dannv Emma Eva Olivia Andrew Trev Ben Brady Caeden Carson Leif Noah Will Andv Cam Jack Lilv 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 and fill out our info sheet.

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

Contact: Sarah or Jeni

## <u>Flower Delivery is almost upon uslll</u>

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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Bobbie Kopel	(320) 522-0731	bobbieloowho@hotmail.com
Tara Amberg	(320) 444-0129	tamberg@rccbi.com

## 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. <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a8a82ea6f94-better</u>

**May is Cross of Calvary's** month to help the CCOC. We are asked to bring healthy snack to the CCOC. The program runs Monday thru Friday all month. There are about 20 to 30 students. Please drop off snacks before 3:00pm on which day that works best for you.



## 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

(3 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!!

May 6, 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### HYMN OF THE WEEK



Spirit of the Living God

The Holy Spirit expands the vision of Jesus' followers.

#### **Daily Bible Readings**

Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another
Monday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-11	Good news of deliverance
Thursday	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
Friday	1 Thessalonians 1:2- 10	The church's faith and example
Saturday	Psalm 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

Acts 10:47-48a (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, just as the Holy Spirit surprised Peter and his friends by including Gentiles in the church, open our hearts and minds to new ways to accept and love others. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God at our table, giver of bread, bless us to love, just as you've said. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who has done marvelous things, bless you with joy and God's steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 98)

#### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

I Tell of a story when you were greatly surprised by something.

<sup>2</sup> Talk about an event that changed or influenced your life.

I The church's identity changed to include Gentiles for the first time (Acts 10:44-48). How has your understanding of the church grown over the years to be more inclusive?

### DEVOTIONS

### Read: John 15:9-17.

Jesus' command to love one another describes the life of his followers, people who were chosen by Jesus to be his disciples and enabled to bear fruit (v. 16). That opens up the lives of Jesus' followers to love and befriend others. Similarly, in Acts 10:44-48 the Holy Spirit amazed Peter and his fellow disciples and expanded their vision to include the uncircumcised to be accepted as part of the church. God's ways surprise and empower us through the word of God and the Spirit of God. Reflect on how God's word (Jesus' commandment to love) and the Holy Spirit have opened your life to love others and see the call to discipleship in ways that connect you to a larger world of care. Conclude by praying:

Pray: Dear God, thank you for choosing me and all whom you call friends. Grant me and all believers your power to bear fruit and to love and accept others for Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.

#### SERVICE

Cornelius welcomed Peter and others into his home. It was in the home that Cornelius received Peter's message and where his household was baptized. Peter and his friends were asked to stay in Cornelius' home for several days, obviously giving the new converts more time and experience with the message of Jesus. In the New Testament the home is church, too. Invite others to your home and use portions of this Taking Faith Home bulletin to share God's word and empower lives in the Christian faith.

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Throughout the Bible and the history of the church, singing has been a faithful way of worshipping God and expressing one's faith in God (Psalm 98). Sing and/or pray the words of Spirit of the Living God and add other songs as well. Begin your singing and praying by saying the worlds of Psalm 98:4: Make

## **Community News**

**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.

**St. John Cemetery Association of Osceola Township** will be hosting a Spring Fling: Ice Cream Social, Bake Sale and Bedding plant sale (vegetables & flowers). The event will be Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. serving hot dogs, Barbeques, Dessert & Ice Cream.

**Hospice Community Memorial Service** will be having a memorial service to anyone in the community who would like to remember loved ones: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Redwood Area Hospital Education room.

**Renville County Talking is Teaching Launching** meeting, Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30 pm at Renville County Government Service Center, room 116-117.



# **Cross of Calvary** Summer Service Times

Starting: Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Starting: Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm