

Welcome

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 2, 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.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Laurence Stratton, 10:30 – Eric Skeie

USHERS: 8:30 – Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Dan Amberg & Jordan Amberg
10:30 – Wally Stucke & Randy Marguth

ACOLYTES:

ALTAR GUILD: Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish



The week of September 2 - 9

Today	Worship	9:00 am
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Stephen Ministry	
Wednesday	Confirmation Meeting with parents & students at 6:30 pm	
Saturday	Worship	5:30 pm
	Bridal Shower	10:00-1:00
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Bible presentation for 3 rd , 7 th & 8 th Graders (either service)	
	"God' Work, Our Hands"	
	Care Team Meeting at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall	
	Rally Sunday	



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 320- 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 sister
- *Leslie Sagedahl- Family
- *Laura Wacek – Bobbi Jo Abrahamson
- *Sonia Grasmon – Family
- *Mike Abrahamson – Tim & Bobbi Jo Abrahamson
- *Alexa Fischer-daughter: Kelsey & Matt
- *Caryn Behr – Kathy Helin's mother
- *Mike Grund – Jen Grund
- *Izzy Sullivan – Sharon Alton
- *Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert

- Aiden Grund - Family
- Kathy Altmann - Family
- Donna Greenwell – P. Matt
- Bob Cully – Pat Aalderks
- Barb Gomarko - Friends
- Joyce O'Halloran – Gladie Hagen
- Corrine Skogen – Gladie Hagen
- Family of Mary Ryan
- Barry O'Neil - Family
- Laura Buhr - Family

Cross of Calvary Youth

The Children Youth and Education Committee is looking for 2-3 youth in grades 7-12 who would like to be part of the committee. Our mission is to equip and support children and youth to grow in faith, to equip and support families to pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support Cross of Calvary Staff and volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Jeni or Sarah.

Breakfast Club is for Youth in grades 10-12 and will begin at 7:07 on Thursday, September 13 at Cross of Calvary. We will meet every Thursday.

Youth Band will begin practices on Wednesday, September 12, at 8:30pm. Let Jeni know if you are interested in participating.

TIM Team will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at 8:30pm. All Senior High youth interested in planning or participating in Senior high youth group please come with ideas!

Wonders on Wednesday (WOW) is our weekly after school program for 4-6th graders. Students can ride bus ___ to church on Wednesdays starting Sept 12 for snack, free time, games, Bible dramas, singing, and interactive prayer time. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

Jesus Justice League is our monthly after school program for 1-3 graders. Students can ride bus ___ to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting Sept. 11 for snack and an opportunity to “play” Bible stories through games, drama, science, art and singing. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

Junior High Gathering Its time to talk about the Junior High gathering! The theme is Undeniably Known and theme verse is from 1 Corinthians 13:12. (FYI: This was also the theme of the Senior high gathering last spring.) Rachel Kurtz will be the band and the speaker. We will attend the Friday night event on November 16-17 at the Willmar Conference Center and stay in the attached hotels. Cost is \$60 and includes t-shirt, snack, breakfast, lodging, and program. Registration is due on Wednesday, October 3. (Cost for nonmembers/friends is \$85.) Forms are on our office door or the youth board. Talk to Jeni or Sarah if you have questions.

Cross of Calvary Events/News

September 9 - “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. It is a day dedicated to service in our community.

11:45 am - Pot Luck Dinner

12:45 am - Sending Devotion

1:00 - 3:00 pm Service Projects throughout our community

One of our projects will be assembling Blizzard Boxes for Lutheran Social Services Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels.

We're collecting donations of these items:

- Cans of chicken or tuna
- Cans of fruit
- Individual packs of crackers, such as plain or cheese/peanut butter crackers
- Hot cocoa packets
- Granola bars, pudding cups, or small packs of cookies

Cross of Calvary Care Team: We will meet every month on the 2nd Sunday from 9:45 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact DeeAnne Newville if interested in joining. (Sept. 9th)

GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Looking ahead...

September

5th Confirmation starts/ Parents and kid meeting – 6:30 pm
(sign up for meals & Acolyte month)

8th – Worship Service at 5:30 pm

9th – Rally Sunday

9th – 3rd, 7th & 8th Graders receive their Bibles

9th – “God’s Work, Our Hands” – please sign up for a service

11th – Jesus Justice League starts 3:15 – 5:00

12th – Wonders on Wednesday starts 3:15 – 5:00

12th – Confirmation (meal and class)

September 16th – We will be singing “Old Time” favorite hymns during service.

New Member Sunday on the 16th

Would You Like to Be a Member?

At Cross of Calvary we invite you to participate in the gathering for worship and in the effort to serve the needs of the community in however you feel called to do so. As you walk with this family of God, you may decide to join the membership officially. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider formally being adopted into this family of God. We are a family of grace, compassion, hope, and love and if you feel called to call us your own, we will welcome you with open arms. Please let Sue, Jeni, Sarah or Pastor Matt know that you are interested in membership and an opportunity for joining will be made available to you. May the Lord guide your steps and grant you peace. (320) 523-1574. New Member Sunday: September 16th

Community Events/News

SAL (SAL: Sons of the American Legion) Pop-Tab Contest: Cash Prizes, start saving those little aluminum tabs from you beverage containers and you could be winner of one of three cash prizes. The SAL is sponsoring a contest for the purpose of collecting as many Aluminum tabs as possible. The tabs will be turned over the Ronald McDonald home of MN. These tabs generate funds to assist operating these homes which are made available to family members while children and adults are being treated at hospitals in MN. You can find these little tabs on beverage and soup cans. The tabs will be weighed on Saturday, September 8th at the Legion in Olivia during the Fire Departments Annual Rib Fest. Cash prizes are as follows: 1st prize: \$50.00, 2nd prize: \$30.00 and 3rd prize: \$20.00

Renville County Human Services is looking for people willing to volunteer to serve as guardians for adults who need assistance in making decisions due to developmental delays, mental illness or other conditions, such as dementia. Guardians are people who are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of people who, due to their mental status, are not able to make those decisions on their own behalf. For example, a guardian, in conjunction with their treatment team, will determine the appropriate residence (such as a group home or nursing home) for the individual who is no longer able to live independently. Compensation may be available for performing this service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Thanksgiving is worth celebrating any time of year! **St. John's Catholic Church in Hector** is having their 20th annual Turkey Supper on September 5, 2018. We will be serving in our parish hall from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Take-outs will also be available at this time. The menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberries, bread, pickles, beverage and pumpkin bars. Cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 4-10. All are invited!

Hope Pregnancy Center invites you to our Annual Celebration of Life Event that will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Monday, September 24th, 2018. This year's theme is "Super Heroes". Marc Newman, president of Speaker for life will be our keynote speaker. Come prepared to be entertained, to laugh, and be challenged! The Social Hour and Silent Auction will begin at 6:30, and Dinner & Program including a Live Auction, at 6:30. No tickets are required, but an RSVP is necessary to reserve YOUR place at a table: call 320-235-7619.

Open House Bridal Shower for Allyson Lammers bride to be of Aaron Clouse. Saturday, September 8th from 10:00 – 1:00 am at Cross of Calvary Church, Olivia

Children of the Promise will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this Sept. 1st – Oct. 31st. We invite your congregation to join us in the fun, found on Wolverine Drive. Our maze is 8 acres, paired with pumpkins, treats, and special events every weekend. Our hours are Thursday: 3-11 pm, Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm, and Sunday: noon – 6 pm. All profits will go to Children of the Promise. Our mission to provide a healthy, Christian home and family for every Haitian child. We hope to see you there! For more information, go to facebook.com/1SEEDMN

Harvest Fest: September 1th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Join us in celebrating a bountiful harvest season with fellowship over a meatball supper and bake sale. Proceeds will go toward local mission projects. For more information, please see church entrance board.

Our Savior's/Opdal Lutheran Parish invite everyone to join with them as they celebrate 150 years of fellowship on September 30. For more information, please see church entrance board.

September 2, 2018
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

HYMN OF THE WEEK

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



God's word leads us to practice justice.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Thursday	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
Friday	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
Saturday	Psalms 15	Who worships the Lord
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? Deuteronomy 4:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, help us to hear your message of salvation in a way that leads us to act with justice and mercy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of our God's gracious love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who gave you birth by the word of truth give you peace and good courage. (James 1:18)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☐ Why is it important to follow rules?
- ☐ What do you like about God's rules?
- ☐ In Deuteronomy 4:7-8, God's rules show the greatness of God and the justice of God to all the world. What is it about God that you want to tell the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9.

The God of Israel ruled with justice, mercy, and reliability that foreign gods lacked. The challenge of Israel was not to forget the God of Israel and the ways of God. This challenge carried with it the need to tell the children and future generations what the people had experienced and learned through the goodness and justice of God (v. 9). How does following Jesus help you live with God's justice and mercy? How do you make the goodness and mercy of God known to others—to your friends and family and others that you work and play with?

Pray: Dear God, your justice and mercy is filled with care for all. Thank you for caring for us and guiding us in kindness for others. Help us to tell of your goodness to those around us and to generations yet unborn. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SERVICE

In James 1:17-26 being “doers of the word” implies a meekness that is not prideful. Instead, it acts with mercy that includes caring for “orphans and widows in their distress” (v. 27).

Orphans and widows represented those who were vulnerable and did not have a social safety net to keep them fed, sheltered, and safe. Think of those locally and around the world who lack security of food and shelter. Make a financial commitment to an organization that helps these people or contribute your time and talents to work on behalf of the hungry and homeless.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 7:1-23, discipline shapes the soul. Ordinances mentioned in Deuteronomy 4:1 promote a way of life that includes rituals and traditions. These ordinances—these rituals and traditions—help remind us of the goodness of God. Rituals and traditions have often lost their appeal because they have become disconnected from the grace of God that helps us live with others in peace and hope. It is important to practice the Christian faith in a way that connects the message of God’s love with our daily lives. Giving a blessing, offering a mealtime prayer, reading the Bible, and daily prayers, including the Lord’s Prayer, are all valuable ways to discipline our lives in hope and faith. Look at this week’s *Taking Faith Home* and identify faith practices you will commit to doing this week. Consider making these practices part of your routine to guide and encourage your life of faith.

Worship Times

Sunday: Sept. 2 – 9:00 only

Starting Sept. 9th 8:30 & 10:30

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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