

Welcome

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 16th Sunday After Pentecost September 8 & 9, 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: 8:30 – McKenna Jensen & Tatum Mages
10:30 – Neil Young & Rylan Gass

ALTAR GUILD: Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish



The week of September 9 - 16

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| Today | Worship | 8:30 & 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 9:30 – 10:30 |
| | “God Work, Our Hands” | 11:45 – 3:00 pm |
| | 3 rd , 7 th & 8 th Grade Bible presentation during worship service (either) | |
| Monday | Library reserved | 6:00-8:00 pm |
| | Cemetery Clean Up | 3:00 - ? |
| Tuesday | Men’s Bible Study | 6:15/7:00 am |
| | Jesus Justice League | 3:15 – 5:00 |
| Wednesday | Confirmation Meal/Class | 5:30 – 7:30 pm |
| | WOW | 3:15-5:00 pm |
| Thursday | Breakfast Club | 7:07 am |
| Saturday | Worship | 5:30 pm |
| Sunday | Worship | 8:30 & 10:30 am |
| | New Member Sunday | both services |
| | 3 rd Grade Bible Class | 11:45-1:00 or Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 pm |

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 Christel Enstad

Barry O’Neil - Family

Laura (Buhr) Hauer - 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.

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

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)

Olivia Cemetery Work Night The Olivia Cemetery has scheduled a Work Night on Monday, Sept 10th from 3:00 pm until dark. Do you have any friends or relatives buried there and ever wonder how the cemetery is even taken care of? In the desire to keep the grounds looking nice we welcome you to join us as we trim some trees, raise a few sunken markers and see what is needed to show honor for those buried in our cemetery. Questions can be directed to Gordy Blem at 523-1102. If you could give us an hour or so it would be much appreciated. Remember it is NOT a City owned cemetery and it's the volunteers who deserve the credit for keeping it nice!

Altar Guild Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:30 at church

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

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 or November 11th.

Community Events/News

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.

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.

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 12th 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.

Central Minnesota Senior Care is seeking to hire caring and compassionate individuals to work at our Assisted Living program located throughout Minnesota. For more information please check out the entrance door bulletin board for a flyer.

Adult Grief Support Group – will start meeting October 1, 2018. See flyer on entrance board.

Scot Hagen Benefit: September 29, 2018 at Olivia American Legion from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. serving: Hot Smoked Turkey Sandwiches, BBQ's Beans, Chips & Bars. Accepting donation for Silent Auction – (see bulletin board for contact information)

September 9, 2018
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



The kingdom of God breaks into our daily lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Mark 7:24-37 | Jesus heals the Gentiles |
| Monday | Isaiah 35:4-7a | The return of the exiled |
| Tuesday | James 2:1-17 | Faith without works is dead |
| Wednesday | Luke 18:1-8 | The widow and the unjust judge |
| Thursday | Hosea 12:2-6 | Return to your God |
| Friday | Mark 9:14-29 | Jesus gives a boy speech |
| Saturday | Psalms 146 | Praise for God's help |
| Sunday | Mark 8:27-38 | Taking up the cross |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. **Isaiah 35:5-6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to bring your reign of mercy and healing for our daily lives. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, as we thank you for much, bless those who have little. Give us hearts that care and hands that share. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord lift you up, watch over you, and uphold you now and always. (Psalm 146:8-9)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☐ What is something that you experience as a challenge or limitation in life?
- ☐ How do you help others who experience challenges or limitations?
- ☐ In Isaiah 35:4-7a God promises to save us and to bring healing and hope to our daily lives. How do you see God bringing healing and hope to your life and to others around you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: James 2:1-17.

This text shows the character of the people of God. God's reign in our lives makes a difference on how we treat others and how we are to be treated. As God treats us with mercy, so we are to treat others in ways that show mercy instead of dishonor, or mutual care instead of a standard that shows privilege to some over others. As verse 13 makes clear, there is judgment for not showing mercy. God's justice is to be taken seriously. And at the same time the great message of the Bible holds true: mercy triumphs over judgment. Instead of letting mercy lead us to indifference, it leads us to acts of love. This shows the power of a living faith that does works of compassion. Talk about how God has shown you mercy through others. How have you shown mercy to others?

Pray: Lord, help us to open our hearts and minds to show mercy and acts of kindness to others. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 146:7 says that God gives food to hungry people. Caring for the hungry is an important way to show God's compassion for those in need. Help your congregation's outreach to those who are food insecure. It can be surprising how many people that includes within your own community. Make a financial contribution to an organization that helps to feed the hungry.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Mark 7:24-30 is a shocking text that shows a rougher side of Jesus' dialogue with someone in need. The woman's persistence in response to Jesus' words was itself an example of faith. Christian rituals and traditions provide disciplines that sustain us through the rocky times of life and faith. What are some rituals and traditions that have encouraged you as a follower of Jesus? Recommit yourself to these Christian

Baptism (Saturday)

Hayden Arvid Helin

Hayden is the son of Gregg & Cathy Helin. Welcome to your church family Hayden. May the waters of baptism flow around, in and through you each and every day!

Worship Times

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 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

Sunday School: 9:30 – 10:30

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