

# Welcome

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 22 & 23, 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



## 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

Carter Bremseth - Family

Barb Gomarko - Friends

Joyce O’Halloran – Gladie Hagen

Corrine Skogen – Gladie Hagen

Laura (Buhr) Hauer - Family

Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert

**Note: Please let the office know if you would like individuals to remain on the Prayer list otherwise they will be removed at the end of the month.**

**Thank You!**

#### **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: November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## The week of September 23 - 30

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	Youth Group	4:00
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Ruth Bible Study	Parkview at 1:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Faith Club	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm
	Dorcas Bible Study	Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am
<b>Thursday</b>	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class	3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Altar Guild Meeting	7:30 pm
	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Faith Club	8:15 am
	Worship	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am & Sunday School 9:30 – 10:20

# 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. We will meet every Thursday morning at 7:07 am.

**Youth Band** will practice on Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm. 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 3 to church on Wednesdays 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 3 to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month 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

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

**Cross of Calvary members:** I (Sue) will be gone October 9-15. Steve and I are going to visit Lanie in Amsterdam. If anyone would like to volunteer to be the church office during my absence, please contact me. Thanks!!!

## **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](http://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.

## **Offering thru August**

YTD receipts – 121,812

Needed YTD per budget – 181,050

### **General fund checking balances**

1-1-18 – 70,343

8-31-18 – 10,241

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE:**

**Comfort Meals:** If anyone is interested in being added to the Comfort meal committee, please contact the office and I will get you on the list. 320-523-1574 or [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com).

Person (s) will be contacted as to when and where the meal should be delivered, plus any diet restriction. Thank you in advance!!

**Sunday Readers:** Cross of Calvary is looking for your help as a reader on Sundays. Please sign up on “The Board”. The reading can be emailed or printed for you. Thank you in advance!!



# Community Events/News

**Children of the Promise** will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](https://facebook.com/1SEEDMN)

**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)

**Blood Drive at Oliva Community St. Aloysius Catholic Church** Jubilee Center on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [recrossblood.org](http://recrossblood.org) and enter OliviaMN to schedule an appointment.

**United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian, MN** is hosting its Annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Swedish Meatball supper, Produce, Craft and bake Sale also. Menu: Swedish Meatballs,

potatoes, Vegetable, beverage, coleslaw, rolls and desserts. Adults: \$10, 6-12 yrs.: \$3 and 5yrs. And under: Free

**Faith United Methodist Church of Olivia** is hosting a Roast Beef Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Menu features: Roast beef, real potatoes, homemade gravy, buttered corn, coleslaw, rolls, pumpkin dessert & beverage.

**September 23, 2018**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

***Discipleship means a life of service.***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:30-37</b>	<b>The servant of all is greatest</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 11:18-20</b>	<b>Plot to kill Jeremiah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>James 3:13–4:8a</b>	<b>Wisdom from above</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Kings 5:1-14</b>	<b>A girl saves her master</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 14:7-14</b>	<b>Humility and hospitality</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b>	<b>A servant song</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 54</b>	<b>A cry to God for help</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:38-50</b>	<b>Avoiding sin</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

He [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." **Mark 9:35 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, thank you for freeing us from being so focused on our own wants and leading us to the joy of serving others in your name. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks and service be our goal. Amen.

## **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord give you a pure heart; may God make you peaceable, gentle, and willing to care for others with mercy. (James 3:17)

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☑ Talk about a time when you wanted to be first in something.
- ☑ What does it mean to you when Jesus says, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all” (Mark 9:35)?
- ☑ In what ways do you serve others in Jesus’ name? How has serving others made a difference in your life?

## **DEVOTIONS**

Read: Mark 9:30-37.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me” (v. 36). A child in Jesus’ day had no legal status; a child was an example of someone truly vulnerable. To welcome is to care for and value that person. By human standards there is no reward for the care of a child. By the standards of Jesus, it connects us to the divine. Jesus speaks of his betrayal, death, and resurrection. The disciples wanted to speak about who was first. Jesus’ words lead to service of the vulnerable; the disciples’ focus leads to personal glory. In welcoming a child, that is, by serving the needs of the vulnerable, one welcomes Jesus. Tell about a time that you sensed God’s presence as you served another person.

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for freeing us from being so focused on our own wants and lead-ing us to the joy of serving others in your name. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

In James 3:13–4:8a the text is concerned about how Christians live in community. The health of our life together is the health of the witness of the church. Think of a situation where you are tempted to “engage in disputes and conflicts” because of selfish desires (James 4:1-2). Pray for the “wisdom from above” to be “peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Psalm 54 is a psalm of lament, a prayer that tells of one’s fears, frustrations, and anger for one’s sufferings. Sometimes those resentments are expressed not only to God but at God. The lament psalm makes it clear that suffering is not God’s will; it is evil.

Christians can use a prayer of lament to faithfully express their distress and need for God’s help. Name the things that grieve you and bring them to God in prayer. At the end of each grievance, pray: “Save me, O God, by your power. Hear my prayer, O God; listen to my cry.”