

# Welcome

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 19th Sunday After Pentecost

September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

\*Garaine Wildgrube – Betsy Hennen

\*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

Casey Rouse – Emy Elbert

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. (September) 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>.

## September 30 – October 7

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Equipping Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Meal/Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class	3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Faith Club	8:15 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20

Blue Jean Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 & after 10:30 service!

# Cross of Calvary Youth

**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

**We would like to Welcome our newest members,  
There's a Place for You with Us!**

Kelsie, Ryan, Keeghan and Ella Aeikens  
John Senkyr  
Brent, Susan, Lilly, Kenna and Bria Henrikson  
Leah Peterson, Hunter and Nellie Borer



**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 in the church office during my absence, please contact me. Thanks!!! It would consist of answering questions, answering the phone and taking messages.

### **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!!

## **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



## **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.

**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.

**Safe Avenues is excited to announce our annual fundraiser the “Make a Difference” event** on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Max’s Grill. The fundraiser is held to raise awareness and support efforts to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in our Renville Count Outreach program. Safe Avenues, Renville County Outreach PO Box 65, Olivia MN

**Uffda Day: Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater**. Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to noon. (Coffee from 9-10 and meal from 10-noon) See flyer on the entrance for more details.

**St. Aloysius Church in Olivia** invites you to join us on Sunday, October 14, 2018 for our annual Fall Festival. Our event begins with Mass at 10:00 am. Continue you day with a home-made fried chicken dinner that includes mashed potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, coleslaw, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert and beverage served 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$11.00 for adults or take-outs and \$6.00 for children 10 & under. The day also includes a Pumpkin Patch, Farmers’ Market, Bakers’ corner, Quilt Ladies Booth, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bingo, Church Raffle and Quilt Raffle.

**September 30, 2018**  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Lord of All Hopefulness

*Confession, forgiveness, and prayer heals a community.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:38-50</b>	<b>Avoiding sin</b>
<b>Monday</b> 24-29	<b>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,</b>	<b>Moses and the seventy elders</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>James 5:13-20</b>	<b>The power of prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 24:36-49</b>	<b>Repentance and forgiveness</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Micah 7:18-20</b>	<b>God's steadfast love</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 3:17-26</b>	<b>Repent for times of refreshment</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 19:7-14</b>	<b>The wonders of God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:2-16</b>	<b>Jesus blesses the children</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

**James 5:16 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Loving God, help us to live together in peace as a witness to your power of forgiveness and healing. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the word of the Lord restore your soul, give joy to your heart and light to your eyes. (Psalm 19:7-8)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☑ When is it easy to ask for forgiveness? When is it hard?
- ☑ Being part of a family or a congregation involves challenge and conflict as well as joy and gladness. What makes life together with others difficult at times?
- ☑ The healing addressed in James 5:16 is about the community (the “you” is plural). How do you offer confession and forgiveness to one another in your home and community of faith?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Numbers 11:4-29, James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50.

These texts all address the challenges of life in a faith community. The early church and the church today faced and continue to face difficulties. There are and always have been hurts and differences of opinion that beset our life together. Mark lifts up the power of Jesus’ name for unity (vv. 39-40) as well as the importance of hospitality (v. 41) and gentleness (v. 42). James reminds people of the power of prayer (vv. 13-18), personal confession and forgiveness (v. 16) and the shepherding of a soul back into the community of faith (vv.19-20). Reflect on how you can be a supportive member of your family, small groups, and other communities of faith.

*Pray:* **Dear God, help us to live together in peace. Give us hearts open to the needs of others, ready to forgive and be forgiven, and able to support those who feel alone and separated from the healing power of community. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Caring for our life in community, whether it be a family, support group, or congregation is of vital importance to the integrity of the witness of the church. Reach out to someone who may feel alone or estranged from one’s family, small group, or congregation. Express your care for them and for being a valued community member.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In your home make a sign that reads “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another” (Mark 9:50). Put the message next to a salt shaker and place the sign and the salt on a table in your home. Salt makes a difference. Reflect on how your life in Christ has made you like salt and a powerful gift of peace to others.