



**Cross of Calvary
Lutheran Church
Olivia, MN**

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

October 20th & 21st, 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.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Erick Skeie, 10:30 – Dana Boen

USHERS: 8:30 – Todd Gay, Alex Gay, Gladie Hagen & Clayton Erickson
10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Jon Hawkinson

ACOLYTES: 8:30 – Cam Larson & Andy Bahl
10:30 – Laila Ridler & Hunter Ridler

ALTAR GUILD: Eleanor Ziesmer, Edith Vogt & Sheila Pietig

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.

Baptism: Isaac Thomas Neubauer, son of Brett & Heather Neubauer

November Coffee Hour	4	Youth Families	Matt and Sarah Hausken Katy Holland Ryan and Michelle Jensen
	11	Youth Families	Ryan and Natasha Johnson Mike and Hallie Kemnitz Brian and Jen Kingery
	18	Youth Families	Bobbi Jo Abrahamson Andy and Susie Lang Keith and Stacey Larson
	25	Thanksgiving	



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.

- *Pat Schmitz – Michelle Jensen (mother)
- *Donna Greenwell – Family
- *Judy Kopacak – Ron Kopacak
- *Orva Sorensen – Emma Thompson
- *Family of Russ Grisso – passed away Tuesday, Oct. 9th
- *Jane Grisso – Clare & Cooper

Financial Statements through September have been placed in your mailboxes. (If you don't have a mailbox, there is basket with your statement, alphabetical)

Please stop in the office with any questions. Mailboxes will be updated in November. Thank you for giving!!!

Offering thru September

YTD receipts – 142,600

Needed YTD per budget – 207,600

October 21-28

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Baptism – Isaac Thomas Neubauer	
Monday	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
	Ruth Bible Study	1:30 pm
	Stephen Ministry	4:30 pm
Tuesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	Confirmation Banquet	6:30 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	1 st Communion Class	3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Dorcas Bible Study	9:30 am
Thursday	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Faith Club	8:15 am
	Craft Retreat: Thursday starting at 1:30, Friday & Saturday (all day)	
Saturday	Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	8:30 service - Commission of Stephen Ministers	
	10:30 service – Confirmation Sunday	
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20



Cross of Calvary Events/News

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.

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
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Old storage shed:

Church council motion is to sell old utility shed to the highest bidder. The opening bid is only \$1. All bids will be received by phone to the church office directed to Sue Altmann. Closing bid date is November 12th at noon. The council will decide at the November meeting who if anybody will receive it and the interested party must have it removed by Thanksgiving Day. If no bids are received the shed will be torn down.

Community Events/News

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

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.

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

Safe Avenues is excited to announce our annual fundraiser the “Make a Difference” event on Friday November 16th 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

Santa’s Closet had a very successful year. We served over 300 families. This included approximately 1100 individuals. Our vision and mission is to provide basic necessities for people. The generous spirit of Renville county and surrounding areas has kept our program going. Thank you so much! We are always accepting donations: toys, logos, science kits, games, art supplies, toy cars, trucks, activity kits, building toys, dolls and coloring books.

Seeking Vendors for the Beneath The Village Wreath on Saturday, November 17, 2018! Set-up 8 AM and Open to the Public 10 AM – 4 PM!

Reservation fee is \$30 or \$5 if you will be demonstrating how you make your product! For example, if you make jewelry and you're willing to show people how you do that (just at your table, not on a giant stage or anything), you get an extra discount for being awesome! The fee includes one table (8') and 2 chairs but you can bring additional tables if you need them.

Vender form and poster are on the Bulletin board in the church entrance! Return the vendor form and your check to the address below.

If you are demonstrating please indicate what you will be demonstrating at your table. This could be something you make or sampling your products.

If you have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Thank you,

Nicole Elzenga, President

Morton Area Chamber & Tourism Bureau

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Fall Grief Support Group: Good Grief will meet from November 5th – December 3rd, 2018 (Monday nights) at 5:00 – 6:00 pm at RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room. Admission is Free: to register call Heidi at 320-523-3451. Registration will close after Nov. 2nd for this group.

October 21, 2018
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

To follow Jesus is to be a servant of all.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	Numbers 12:1-9	Moses is a servant of the Lord
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Serve on another in love
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Use your gifts to serve others
Saturday	Psalms 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave to all.” **Mark 10:43-44 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and glory, help us to see in Jesus the way of true power and glory, the way of love and service that makes all things new. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Most High God be your dwelling place. May the Lord protect you from evil and guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ▣ If you could do anything you wanted, what would you like to do?
- ▣ Many cultures have been based on the power to dominate others instead of serving others. Where do you see power over others happening around you? Where do you see service?
- ▣ Jesus uses his power as Savior to serve all. How does that influence how you live?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:35-45.

In the time of Jesus, the Roman Empire was an honor and shame culture. Power was used to protect those in authority. Therefore, those in power were able to honor others to keep them loyal as well as use their influence to shame and humiliate people to keep them in line. Using power to dominate others was central to society. How is that still true today? Jesus turns all that on its head. He humiliates domination by being the Son of Man willing to die for others. He takes humiliation and gives it honor. The cross of Christ humbles religious, political, economic, and social powers and honors what appears to be weakness. Human skills, huge bank accounts, and social power are only valued as it is used to serve others, not in their abilities to shine a spotlight on themselves and say, "Look at me." How does the cross of Christ free your life from the bondage of pursuing personal glory? How does it free you to serve others?

Pray: **Lord, we are humbled by your willingness to die for us and forgive us our weaknesses. Help us to walk in your way. Amen.**

SERVICE

For Jesus and his kingdom, service is a way of life that seeks to honor others and not claim to have power over others. This week think about how your life leads you to honor and value others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Obviously, James and John were not listening to the words of Jesus that spoke of his suffering and death (Mark 10:33-37). Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear without listening to others, including God. A valuable Christian tradition is to sit in silence and listen for God to speak to us the message of the kingdom of God, the message of Christ, the Son of Man. Take time this week to sit in silence and listen for how God wants to speak to you with the voice of the one who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).