



# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Olivia, MN

**23rd Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28th, 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.

# 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.

## **Confirmation pictures are in the office**

stop by to pick up the CD for your use and then return the copy ASAP!!

<b>November Coffee Hour</b>	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 Marc and Sarah Iverson 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 Kopacek – Ron Kopacek

\*Orva Sorensen – Emma Thompson

\*Family of Russ Grisso – passed away Tuesday, Oct. 9th

\*Jane Grisso – Clare & Cooper

\*Tracey Becker – Nathan & Angela Cole

## **OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Eric 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

## **October 28 – November 4**

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	8:30 service - Commission of Stephen Ministers	
	10:30 service – Confirmation Sunday	
<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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation/Meal	5:30/6:30 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 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
	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday (both Services)	
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	All Saints Sunday	

**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**

# 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](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!!

## **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.

## **Stephen Ministry Commission (8:30 service)**

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the [Stephen Series](#) system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

## **Cross of Calvary Stephen Ministers**

Sue Altmann

Lynette Blem

Jenna Bruns

Carole Buhr

Pastor Matt Hausken

Jeni Skeie

George Tesch

Cindy Theisse

Karen van der Hagen



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

❄️ 2018 ❄️  
Snowflake  
Holiday  
Bazaar ❄️

*Sunday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Love the look of Christmas 'greens' arrangements but not sure how to pull off the look? No problem! This year, the committee is going to be doing the work for you! Just bring

your pots, labeled with your name and number to 21 Golf Drive before Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and we will have them ready for you to pick up the day of the bazaar. Prices will range from \$40 to \$75, depending on size of the container. We will have a few extra available for purchase the day of the sale. Contact Dana Boen to drop off your containers you wish to have filled.

We are also currently taking your donations of ALL holiday and home décor for "Gramma's Attic" which will be making a comeback to this year's event. We ask that you please do not bring Christmas trees or lights. Deadline for donations for Gramma's Attic is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Deadline for raffle items is Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available for sale the following Sunday through the day of the event. Thanks in advance to everyone for donations and help with this event!

# Community Events/News

**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.

**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

**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.

**Fall Grief Support Group:** Good Grief will meet from November 5<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> for this group.

**St. Luke's (Franklin, MN) WELCA Fall Bazaar:** Saturday, October 27 from 10:30 – 1:30 pm. Bake Sale, Crafts, Produce, Spectacular Silent Auction, Holiday Corner. Menu: BBQ Beef, or Egg Salad Sandwiches, German & American Potato Salad, Bens, Coleslaw, Beverages and Desserts.

**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

PO Box 316

Morton, Minnesota 56270

507.697.1884

[info@mortonareachamber.org](mailto:info@mortonareachamber.org)

On Saturday November 17, the **Renville County West Music Department** will be hosting their annual Breakfast with the Band and Choir fundraiser at the Renville Community Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM, and the Varsity Band and Choir will be providing entertainment while you eat. Freewill donations are accepted, proceeds to benefit the 2019 RCW Band and Choir Tour to New Orleans.

**Olivia Healthcare Center:** We are welcoming Trick or Treaters at the Olivia Healthcare Center on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00. Also, We are asking for volunteer to sew some walker bags for us. We would provide the material and other supplies if someone could sew them for us. They could contact me at 523-1652 or e-mail me at: SPietig@Olivia RHCC.com. Thanks so much.

Please join us for the annual **Harvest Fest at Blomkest Baptist Church** on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7 pm. The evening will include a musical presentation by Rob Rogers and his No Name Band. This group is part of the worship team at the New London Covenant Church. A pie and coffee fellowship will follow the program. A fee will offering will be given to assist in the United Campus Ministry under the leadership of Jeffrey Schmitz at Ridgewater College.

**Olivia Lions Harvest Brunch** will be held Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. Menu: Pancake, Eggs & Danube Sausage. Location: American Legion in Olivia. Cost is \$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 for 12 and under.

**Friends of the Arts presents...**

“A Nice Family Christmas”

November 16-18 at RCW Old Gym

Friday/Saturday: 7:30 pm Sunday: 2:00 pm

Tickets available at the door.

Come & Enjoy this Holiday Comedy!!



# 2018 Confirmation Class

October 28, 2018 at the 10:30 am service

## **Noah James Boen**

Son of Brian & Dana Boen

Sponsors: Dave Altmann & the late Marnold Ostby

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6

## **Ashley Ann Frank**

Daughter of Dale & Lowanda Frank

Sponsors: Carmin Lochner

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

## **Caeden Denis Gluesing**

Son of Corey & Dawn Gluesing

Sponsors: Val & Eric Schaefer

Bible Verse: Isaiah 1:16

## **William Porter Hanson**

Son of Chris & Jill Hanson

Sponsors: Keith & Stacey Larson, Jen Virkus

Bible Verse: Romans 1:17

## **Leif John Hausken**

Son of Matthew & Sarah Hausken

Sponsors: Kathryn Older, John Pedersen, Jon &  
Leann Olsen and Melissa Johnson

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:10

## **Andrew Michael Holland**

Son of Matthew Holland & Katy Holland

Sponsors: Emy Elbert and Nicole Holland

Bible Verse: Colossians 4:5-6

## **Maddison Michelle Jensen**

Daughter of Ryan & Michelle Jensen

Sponsors: Laurence & Jennifer Stratton

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

**Carson Edward Kubesh**

Son of Scott Kubesh & Bobbie Jo Abrahamson  
Sponsors: Mark & Michelle Bourbeau & Kris Kopel  
Bible Verse: Roman 8:28

**Ella Jo Mages**

Daughter of Craig & Becky Mages  
Sponsors: Jason and Cali Harrier  
Bible Verse: Psalm 118:24

**Drew Robert Sagedahl**

Son of Daren & Melissa Sagedahl  
Sponsors: Cody & Amanda Kittelson, Lesley Sagedahl  
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

**Brady Anthony Stovern**

Son of Derek & Tami Stovern  
Sponsors: Summer Bielke and Dan Stokes  
Bible Verse: Hebrews 13:8

**Benjamin John Carl Whited**

Son of Kevin & Sandra Whited  
Sponsors: Nick Arndt, Jeff Arndt, Teresa Benischeck  
Bible Verse: Matthew 21:22

**Kya Ann Young**

Daughter of Dennis & Mandi Young  
Sponsors: Heather & Josh Brede  
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

**Madison Marie Zupke**

Daughter of Dave & Amanda Zupke  
Sponsors: Kelly Jo White, Matthew Zupke, Jesse  
Mages and Mary Jo Hennen  
Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7



**October 28, 2018  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK  
Be Thou My Vision**

***Faith leads us on the path of Jesus.***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:46-52</b>	<b>Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31:7-9</b>	<b>Joyful return of the exiles</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 7:23-28</b>	<b>Jesus' priesthood continues forever</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Kings 6:8-23</b>	<b>God gives back sight to Arameans</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mark 8:22-26</b>	<b>Jesus heals at Bethsaida</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b>	<b>The Servant, a light to the nations</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 126</b>	<b>Harvest of joy</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	<b>Love God and neighbor</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. **Mark 10:52 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear Jesus, have mercy on me and help me to see you and follow you wherever you lead. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

God our Savior, we thank you for this food, a sign of your daily mercies and the power to heal our lives. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is something you want to do this week?
- How does something that you want to do this week connect with your life of faith?
- Talk about a time that God opened your eyes to something important, perhaps a time to take a risk or to see something new or different around you.

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 10:46-52.

A theme in the Gospel of Mark is outsiders becoming insiders and insiders becoming outsiders (Mark 7:24-30 and 10:31). Here the crowds see Jesus and want to ignore the blind man's plea to receive mercy and be healed. Jesus has people from the crowd bring Bartimaeus forward and heals his blindness. The one who was kept back by others is called forward by Jesus. The verse that says, "your faith has made you well" (v. 52) can also be translated as "your faith has saved you." The Greek word used here means to be healed and to be saved. The healing has a spiritual quality to it, filled with the mercy of God. At the depths of human crisis is a spiritual crisis. The healing Bartimaeus receives is more than his physical sight. It now leads Bartimaeus to follow Jesus. Talk about a time you experienced some kind of healing in your life. How did that healing reveal God's presence and mercy?

*Pray:* **Dear Jesus, have mercy on me and help me to see you and follow you wherever you lead. Amen.**

## SERVICE

When Jesus healed Bartimaeus, those around the blind man wanted to ignore him. Serving others includes the need to acknowledge and be with those who are in need. Think of someone who is hurting and find some way to acknowledge them and be with them.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith and seeing are often linked as biblical themes. Jesus comes into our world and our lives so that we can see more clearly God's kingdom of mercy, healing, and salvation. Our human eyes and our eyes of faith can easily be dulled by sin. Sit with family or friends, close your eyes and recall what the other people are wearing. How accurate is your memory of what you saw? What gets in the way of seeing more clearly? Now close your eyes and say the Lord's Prayer. Reflect on how this helps you see God's kingdom of mercy, healing, and salvation.