



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Olivia, MN

All Saints Sunday

November 4, 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 November 16 – 17, leave from the church at 3:00 pm return at noon on the 17.

Sr. High Youth will have a pizza and movie night @ Jeni's house on Sunday, November 11th at 5:30 pm.

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 Marc and Sarah Iverson Keith and Stacey Larson
	25	Thanksgiving	No Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Jill Hanson, 10:30 – DeeAnne Newville

USHERS 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Randy Marguth, Jordan Sagedahl, Drew Sagedahl

10:30 – Clayton Erickson & DeeAnne Newville

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Bria Henriksen & Kenna Henriksen

ALTAR GUILD Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing



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

November 4 - 11

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	All Saints Sunday	
	1 st Communion (both services)	
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	Confirmation/Meal	5:30/6:30 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	New Member Orientation	7:30 pm
	Altar Guild Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Faith Club	8:15 am
Saturday	Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	New Member Sunday	(both Services)
	Care Team meeting at 9:45 am	

Cross of Calvary Events/News

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.

Offering thru September

YTD receipts – 142,600

Needed YTD per budget – 207,600



Snowflake Bazaar:

Sunday, Dec. 2nd

Bazaar Deadlines

Monday, November 26th: 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. 26th 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.

Friday, November 30th: 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. (But donate them to Santa's Closet instead)

Friday, November 30th: We will be making lefse for the Snowflake Bazaar at the parsonage. Please join us for this fun evening! If you know how to make the dough, bring two batches and your lefse making gear. If not, just come and learn to roll & flip! Contact Sarah Hausken for more info. 320-579-0838.

Community Events/News

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. A basket will available at church

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.

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!!

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! 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 have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Thank you,

Nicole Elzenga, President Morton Area Chamber & Tourism Bureau

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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.

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 free will offering will be given to assist in the United Campus Ministry under the leadership of Jeffrey Schmitz at Ridgewater College.

23rd Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper:
Thursday, Nov. 15 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. See flyer for more information

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Bird Island will once again be hosting their Homemade Turkey Supper with all the trimmings. Date: Wednesday, November 14th from 5-7 pm: more information is on the bulletin board.

Team Pace Makers is hosting the Annual Tour of Homes as a fundraiser for the Renville County Walk in the Park, formerly known as Relay for Life. The tour will be November 29th from 4:15 – 6:15. Cost is \$50 person. More information on the board

St. Masry's

November 4, 2018
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



HYMN OF THE WEEK
Thine the Amen

God conquers death with the promise of new life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered us
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-38	Resurrection of the dead
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. Revelation 21:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, we thank you that you have conquered death through Christ Jesus our Lord and promised that death and sadness will be no more. Amen. (Revelation 21:4)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, you feed the living and promise to wipe away every tear. Praise and thanks be to you forever. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega, wipe every tear from your eye and turn your mourning into dancing. (Revelation 21:4, 6a)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What makes you sad?
- Talk about ways a death has had an impact on you.
- God's design is for joy and gladness, not sadness. How does God's promise to overcome death and sadness make a difference for you each day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:32-44.

The Gospel of John states clearly that the Word (God) became flesh (John 1:14). It is easy to imagine the divinity of God in Jesus without the humanity. However, that would be to miss that God in Christ comes in real human flesh to save what God has created. This passage is filled with raw emotion and human senses. Jesus wept at the sight of his friends grieving (v.35). He was "greatly disturbed" (v.33). Jesus loved Lazarus (v. 36). There are real consequences to death. There is a stench from Lazarus' body (v. 39). Jesus shouts with a loud voice to Lazarus and commands that he come out (v. 43). Our God comes to a real world with real emotion and physical actions. Our God is not a distant spirit removed from real life. Reflect on what it says about God that Jesus grieved with Mary and Martha. What does it mean that God is not satisfied with death but gives new life (Revelation 21:1-6a)?

***Pray:* Everlasting God, we thank you that you have conquered death through Christ Jesus our Lord and promised that death and sadness will be no more. Amen.**

SERVICE

Loss and grief are real experiences that we generally try to avoid. However, death is very real and not God's will. In Isaiah 25:7 God promises to swallow up death forever. Life, not death, gets the last word. Therefore, we can face loss and death with faith and courage. Think of someone who is grieving. Visit, call, text, or write a card to them and express your care and sorrow and God's promise to conquer death and sadness (Revelation 21:4).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saint's Day is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have passed away. Take time to do this. You could also place a picture of this person next to the candle. Light the candle and read Isaiah 25:6-9 and Revelation 21:1-6a.