



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Olivia, MN

26th Sunday After Pentecost

November 18, 2018

November 18 - 25

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	Gideon Sunday	
	Fellowship Hall used from 12:00 - ?	
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	NO Confirmation/Meal	
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	Thanksgiving service	7:00 pm
Thursday	No Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	No Faith Club	8:15 am
	Office Closed	
	Saturday	No Worship
Sunday	Worship	9:00 am only
	No Sunday School	

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.

Coffee hour is a time for God's people at Cross of Calvary to minister to each other through caring conversation. All members with youth in grades 1-12 are scheduled one time during the year. Please bring 3 doz. Treats. Directions are posted on the kitchen cupboard. Thank you for serving in this way.

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		No Coffee Hour

December Coffee Hour	2		No Coffee Hour Snowflake Bazaar – Everyone Welcome!
	9	Youth Families	Tim & Bobbi Kopel Matt & Dani Larson Craig & Jamie Lothert
	16	Youth Families	Greg & Dawn Mertens Kevin & Sandra Whited Ben & Sara Wussow
	23		No Coffee Hour
	30		No Coffee Hour



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.

- *Fay Kuznia - Friends
- *Pat Schmitz – Michelle Jensen (mother)
- *Donna Greenwell – Family
- *Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek
- *Orva Sorensen – Emma Thompson
- *Jane (Dillon) Bruns – Kathy Brown sister
- *Marlys Schumacher – Bruce Metteer mother
- *Tracey Becker – Nathan & Angela Cole
- *Mikaelson Family – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Cross of Calvary Events/News

Old storage shed: SOLD

Bible Women: All their words and why they matter by Lindsay Hardin Freeman will start Dec. 13, 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. Books are \$20.00. (Order thru Sue in the office) If you have already ordered, books have arrived!!

**Offering thru October
YTD receipts – 158,155.00
Needed YTD per budget – 228,975.00**

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

Santa's Closet: We are ready to accept referrals, donation and volunteers. All gift items are welcome: toys, logos, science kits, games, art supplies, toy cars, trucks, activity kits, building toys, dolls, clothing, teen items, household goods, warm gloves and mittens, items for men and women, warm blankets and quilts.. A basket will available at church. Please see flyer for more information.

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.

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. Mary's CCW Theme Basket Silent Auction, Bake Sale & BBQ

meal, December 8th & 9th at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bird Island. Bake sale & Silent Auction will be Saturday from 3-6 and Sunday from 9:30 – 12:30. (More information on the board)

The **CCOC Thanksgiving Dinner** is Thanksgiving day and is free will offering. We serve empty nesters, widows, and sometimes whole families. We also deliver meals to those who are working or can't leave their homes. Already have plans for Thanksgiving? What about your neighbor? Will they be with family or alone? Everyone is part of the CCOC family, especially on Thanksgiving Day. If you know of someone who would like to have a meal delivered, please have them call 320-523-6318. All are welcome to come!

We need your help! We need volunteers on Wednesday, November 21st at St. Aloysius starting at 2pm to help peel potatoes and debone turkeys (bring a peeler with you). If you are willing to help and or volunteer either of these days please call 320-523-6318 or email saraa@ccocmn.org. We are currently asking for donations of turkeys, cranberries, whipped cream and butter. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off that the CCOC or Master's Cafe. Thank you for your generosity.





Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

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

**November 18, 2018
TWENTY-SIXTHSUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK
Lord of All Hopefulness**

Disciples are to be hopeful during difficult times.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	The resurrection of the dead
Tuesday	Hebrews 10:11-25	A call to perseverance
Wednesday	1 Samuel 26:21-25	David spares Saul's life
Thursday	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Saturday	Psalm 16	A life centered on the Lord
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to be people of confidence and hope who worship you in home and congregation. Amen. (Hebrews 10:23, 25)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you; and your blessings to us never end. Thank you, God! Amen. (Psalm 16:11)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you a glad heart that

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are some fearful or hard-to-understand experiences going on in the world or in your life today?
- What are you tempted to do when you experience fearful or difficult times?
- How does your Christian faith help you face difficult situations in life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 13:1-8.

The Mount of Olives gave a wonderful place to view the splendor of the temple. It was a glorious looking building, one that gave confidence to the Jewish people. However, Jesus said it would be destroyed. That happened when the Roman army devastated Jerusalem between the years 66-70 AD. The early Christians who had been Jews, could easily see this as a sign of the end and Christ's return. Jesus points out that there will be many such events, including wars and natural disasters. While terrible things happen around us, we are to keep our focus on Jesus and not the prediction for his Second Coming. As Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, we are to continue to live with "love and good deeds" and to meet together and encourage one another in the faith. How does your faith help you support family and friends during difficult times? How do others encourage you?

Pray: **Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to be people of confidence and hope who worship you in home and congregation. Amen.**

SERVICE

Encouraging others is important to our daily health and our Christian faith. We all experience discouragement. The Christian faith allows us to be honest with the challenges and difficulties around us and at the same time know that current trials and tribulations do not get the last word. Find ways to support someone going through a difficult time. Pray for them and with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 16:7 says, "I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me." When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. Spend a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or a storybook Bible for bedtime stories with children.

Memorize or recite Psalm 4:8,