



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Olivia, MN

27th Sunday After Pentecost

November 25, 2018

November 25 – December 2

Today	Worship	9:00 am
	No Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
	Ruth Bible Study	1:30
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	Confirmation/Meal	6:00 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	Christmas Decorating	3:30 pm
	Dorcas Bible Study	9:30
	Advent service	7:00 pm
Thursday	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
Friday	Lefsa making at Parsonage	6:00 pm
Saturday	Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20 am
	Snowflake Bazaar	
	Good Gifts begins	

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	25		No Coffee Hour
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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
- *Jane (Dillon) Bruns – Kathy Brown sister
- *Marlys Schumacher – Bruce Metteer mother
- *Tracey Becker – Nathan & Angela Cole
- *Mikaelson Family – Gordy & Lynnette Blem
- *Susie Lothert – Friends and Family

Cross of Calvary Events/News

Note for your calendar:

Annual Meeting is January 27th at 9:30 am

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 me Saturday from 3-6 and Sunday from 9:30 – 12:30. (More information on the board)

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
CLICKERS 8:30 – Haylie Binnebose
10:30 – Nicolas Serbus

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Gordy Blem, 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
USHERS 8:30 – Keith Larson, Nate Bahl, Dave & Sue Lindquist
10:30 – Steve & Sue Altmann
Christmas Eve – 4:30 Dave & Sue Lindquist
Christmas Eve – 9:00?
ACOLYTES 8:30 – Cole & Kenzie Visser
10:30 – Leo Adamski 7 McKenna Siems
ALTAR GUILD Jenny Evenson & Lisa Meints
CLICKERS

Note: if you are the usher for the 8:30 service, you are responsible for the 9:00 service.





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 25, 2018
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Christ is the King

Jesus' reign frees us to serve as priests.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth
Monday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Judgment before the Ancient One
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
Wednesday	Mark 15:1-15	Pilate questions Jesus
Thursday	1 Peter 2:1-10	A chosen people
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 93	The majesty of God's rule
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Revelation 1:5b-6 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who are "the ruler of the kings of the earth," thank you for making us your servants and priests. Amen. (Revelation 1:5-6)

Mealtime Prayer:

Blessed be to God, our King, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything his goodness sends. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ the King bless you with his love and fill you

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Children like to play “Follow the Leader.” How would you describe Jesus, the leader you want children to follow?
- Who or what seems to be the leader in control of the world around us?
- How is Jesus Christ “ruler of the kings of the earth” (Revelation 1:5) in a way that is different than other rulers? How does Jesus reign impact your daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 1:4b-8.

Like Daniel in the Old Testament, the book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, is a unique form of literature in the Bible. It is written for a time when the people of God are surrounded by powerful forces opposed to them and to the God of the Bible. This is resistance literature that says to the faithful people, “Hang in there. Your God will win and, in fact, already rules all earthly powers.” It is a subversive message that opposes the apparent power of earthly rulers with their wealth, control, and influence. In the midst of the struggles of the early church opposed by a Roman emperor, Jesus Christ is truly “the ruler of the kings of the earth” (v. 5). Christ—not the emperor—is the one “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (v. 8). Not only that, but the followers of Jesus have an elevated status and are “priests serving his God and Father” (v. 6). How does the message of Revelation strengthen and encourage you as a priest who represents and prays to the Almighty? How do you communicate God’s love and reign to others? How do your prayers serve the reign of Christ now, no matter what the historical events are around you?

Pray: **Lord Jesus Christ, you who are “the ruler of the kings of the earth,” thank you for making us your servants and priests. Amen.**

SERVICE

As priests who serve Jesus’ God and Father (Revelation 1:6), prayer is a form of service that blesses, strengthens, and encourages others with the presence of the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty (Revelation 1:8). Take time this week to pray Psalm 93, a psalm that celebrates the rule of God. Then pray for all that God has created, including those who have special needs this day. Pray that in the midst of daily challenges people will know and believe in the one “who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood” (Revelations 1:5b).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

As priests of the ruler of all things, the Alpha and the Omega, we bless others. This week bless your family and friends with the following: **May Christ the King bless you with his love and fill you with grace and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.**