

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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January 6 & January 13, 2019

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.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Dana Boen, 10:30 – DeeAnne Newville

USHERS 8:30 – Greg Mertens, Trey Mertens,
Bill Kopel & Jeff Keltgen

10:30 – Ushers needed

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Jack Iverson & Jerson Kopka

10:30 – David Garcia & George Garcia

ALTAR GUILD Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern





Worship Times

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30

Coffee Hour

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Building Hours

Mon-Thurs

8:30-7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

Office Hours

Mon, Tues, and Thurs.;

8:30-3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30-2:00

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January 6 – January 13

Sunday 1/6	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Equipping Mtg.	9:30 am
Monday 1/7	Library reserved	6:00-8:00
	Boys Scouts	6:30
Tuesday 1/8	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
	Jesus Justice League	3:15
Wednesday 1/9	Confirmation/Meal	
	No WOW	
Thursday 1/10	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	No Women's Bible Study	
	Quilters	9:00 am
Saturday 1/12	Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday 1/13	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Baptismal Reunion – both services	

January 14 – 20

Monday 1/14	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
Tuesday 1/15	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
	Worship Committee Mtg.	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/16	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation/Meal	
	Church Council Meeting	7:30
Thursday 1/17	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
Friday 1/18		
Saturday 1/19	Worship	5:30
Sunday 1/20	Worship	8:30 & 10:30



Prayer Request

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.

- *Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather
- *Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek
- *Mikaelson Family – Gordy & Lynnette Blem
- *Susie Lothert – Friends and Family
- *Neva Geweke – Angie Boen sister
- *Gordy Straw – Angie Boen nephew
- *Alexa Fischer – Alicia Osthus Family
- *Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother
- * Jane (Dillon) Bruns – Kathy Brown's sister

Community: "Spirit Led Innovation" Equipping Congregation Day, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran Willmar, MN for more information please check the east entrance board.

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, January 16 at 7:30 pm – No practice on Jan. 9

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.

Confirmation Supper Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 240 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer. Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD. Dates with openings: Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 27, April 24 and May 1. There are also 2 spots open on Jan. 16 and Feb. 13, for one more family to join.

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.

January Coffee Hour	6	Youth	Reggie & Jessica Lothert Craig & Becky Mages Brandon & Amanda Malvin
	13	Youth	Ken & Lisa Meints Jeanne Welchance Ashley Roach & Jon Hawkinson
	20	Youth	Jeremy & Kris Kopel Justin & Jodi Gilberts Kelsey Wertish
Annual Meeting	27		Cross of Calvary Staff



Annual Congregational Meeting
January 27th at 9:30 am
Committee Report will be due January 14th by noon!!!

Annual Report Committee & Financial Reports

I'm writing to make sure everyone is getting ready for the Annual Meeting. I truly appreciate your cooperation in getting these reports to me by January 14th so that I have time to prepare the full packets. Thank you so very much and I anxiously wait to hear from you all.

Sue Altmann Office Administrator

Bible Women: "All Their Words and Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman is Thursday at 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. We have covered Eve, Sarah, Lot's older daughter and Rebekah. If you cannot be there on Thursdays, consider getting the book and following along. If you have any ideas about how we might do a group online, please talk to Jeni.

Worship Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm. - anyone interested in helping choose hymns and plan worship is welcome!!

Offering Envelopes are being prepared. You will find some are finished with names on them in the Narthex. If you don't find your name on envelopes and would like a set, please drop a note in the office.



Quilters meet on Thursdays at 9:00 am. Come join!!! (Starting January 3rd)

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord



HYMN OF THE WEEK

The First Noel

Jesus' birth for all the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men come to worship Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:1-12	Paul's mission to the Gentiles
Wednesday	Daniel 2:17-49	Nebuchadnezzar's dream
Thursday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Friday	1 John 1:1-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7	Prayer for a righteous king
Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[T]hat is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **Ephesians 3:6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice and strength, may we bring our lives before you with treasures of the heart just as the wise men came before Jesus with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Like Wise Men three from far away, we come to Christ with joy this day. To our Provider and our King, gifts of thanks and praise we bring! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you and guide you to Christ today and fill you with joy and peace.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is the furthest you have traveled from home?
- What have you learned by traveling away from home?
- In the story of the wise men from the East coming to pay homage to baby Jesus, God is announcing that in God's Son, salvation is brought to all. How does God's action in Jesus help you look at and appreciate different customs and cultures you have seen?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Ephesians 3:1-12.

This passage lifts up important themes for Epiphany Day. The Apostle Paul expresses humility at being included in God's plan of salvation, a plan that includes the Gentiles, therefore, all people of the earth. Just as the wise men from the East represent those people not from Israel, so God's love reaches far beyond any national boundary. For foreign wise men to follow a star and reach Bethlehem, too, represents the greater mystery of God's work in a little one born to a peasant family to be worshiped by the rulers of the earth. The visit of the wise men changes everything. Strangers become family. Rulers are humbled. The humbled are exalted, and through the birth of Jesus, God's love reaches the ends of the world. Think about ways you have seen God's love reaching the ends of the earth today.

***Pray:* God of the nations, you unite all the people of the earth through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize in the face of others your saving work for all people. Give us hearts to share the mystery of your will and your love with all that you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Matthew 2:9-11, the wise men followed a star and "when they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy" (vv. 9b-10). They entered the house where the star stopped and saw Mary and the child. They knelt, honored, and worshiped Jesus and gave him gifts. God guided the wise men to Jesus with a star. What guides you to Jesus today? Name ways you can be a "star" to guide others to Jesus through your actions and words.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Epiphany is an older tradition than Christmas for recognizing the birth of Jesus. Many places around the globe have some form of a Three King's Cake, an Epiphany cake or bread that is made to celebrate the visit of the wise men and honor Christ's birth. In the Spanish-speaking world it is called "*Rosca de Reyes*." Buy or make a Three King's Cake or bread and enjoy this treat as part of your Epiphany Day celebrations.

JANUARY 13, 2019

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



HYMN OF THE WEEK

You Are Mine

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Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration and protection
Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17	Receiving the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28	God will make you clean
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ's death
Friday	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, open our ears to hear your voice and our lips to shout your glory. Amen.
(Psalm 29:3-9)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, just as you join us in baptism, grace our table with your presence today.
Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who has called you by name give strength to you; may the Lord bless you with peace. (Isaiah 43:1 and Psalm 29:11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are nicknames you have been given? Who gave them to you?
- What does it mean to you that God has called you by name, that God knows your name?
- In baptism God's name is placed on us with the words, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We become people who bear God's name. How does it influence your life that you live each day with God's name placed on you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

The Baptism of Jesus Sunday leads us to reflect on our own baptism. Some believe that baptism is something that we do as a commitment to God. It is our decision to accept God. The texts chosen for the Baptism of Jesus points us in another direction: God names and claims us; God's voice is the decisive factor in our faith and in our baptism. If baptism is something we do as an expression of our faith, then our baptism is only as powerful as our commitment to God, something that waxes and wanes as a human and frail commitment. If God is the actor, then one can rely on God's faithfulness, not ours, as the great gift of baptism. Reflect on what it means to you that God calls you by name in baptism.

Pray: Almighty and living God, thank you for calling us by name in baptism. Help us to trust in you, to believe in your faithfulness to us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Baptism happens in a community of faith with the support of others, just like Peter and John extended their support to the newly baptized in Acts 8:14-17. Send a card to someone who has been baptized in the past year or to their family and offer your support for their life of faith. Let them know they are valued. Offer them a blessing in the card and promise to keep the baptized and the family in your prayers.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Baptism claims us as a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. It involves a lifetime of intimacy with God. In Luke 3:21 it states that Jesus was praying at the time of his baptism. Prayer is an expression of that intimate relationship with God. Take time this week to remember your own baptism by lighting a candle, looking at baptismal pictures, placing water in a bowl and sitting in silent prayer. Give thanks for Jesus' baptism and your own. Begin a tradition of remembering your baptismal anniversary each year and thinking about your baptism daily when bathing, washing hands, or drinking water.