

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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January 27, 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.





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 27 – February 3

Sunday 1/27	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Annual Meeting	9:30
Monday 1/28	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
	Mail Giving Statements	
	Ruth Bible Study	
Tuesday 1/29	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 1/30	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation/Meal	
Thursday 1/31	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
Friday 2/1		
Saturday 2/2	Worship	5:30
Sunday 2/3	Worship	8:30 & 10:30

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 27th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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. 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.



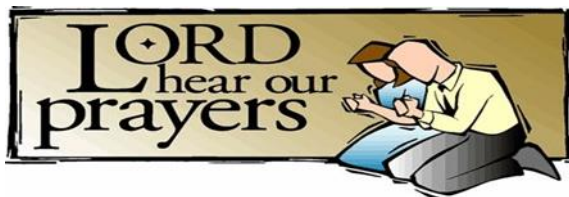
**Quilters meet on Thursdays at 9:00!!
Come join!!!**



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

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
- *Neva Geweke – Angie Boen sister
- *Alexa Fischer – Alicia Osthus Family
- *Linda Cole – Nate Cole’s mother
- *Faith Westby – Heather Thompson and family
- *Bodhi Crosby – Dani Larson
- *Haakyn Mohr – Dani Larson
- *Teeny Kadelbach – Friends and family
- *Steven Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach brother
- *Family of Marlys Schumacher – Sharon Metteer mother
- *Barb Miller – friends and family
- *Susie Lothert – Friends

Note: Persons will be removed at the end of a month. Please contact the office if you would like the individual to remain on the list longer. Thanks!

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: Feb. 6, Feb. 27, April 24 and May 1. There is also a spots open on Feb. 13, for one more family to join.

Camp Sunday will be Sunday, Feb. 10 we will be sharing the joys of Bible Camp during Sunday School opening. Parents, please come to opening with your children that day. We’ve found that the Holy Spirit moves in unique ways at camp and we’d love for all kids to experience that. Come find out about camp and how affordable it is thanks to multiple scholarship opportunities through Cross of Calvary.

http://www.gllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general_insert_2019.pdf

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.



Annual Meeting	27		Cross of Calvary Staff
February Coffee Hour	3	Youth	Tim and Jessica Plumley Cory and Skye Hebrink Justin and Carin Martinson
	10	Youth	Steve Helmer & Dawn Helmer Brent and Susan Henricksen Steven and Tiffany Herdina
	17	Youth	Travis and Meagan Honzay Joe and Siri Youngkrantz Mark and Jamie Morse
	24	Youth	Kevin and Heidi Morse Tom and DeeAnne Newville Travis and Annmarie Suess

The Care Team Committee will host a soup packaging day on Sunday, February 10th following the second service. If you are interested in joining us for this event please bring a soup that will freeze well. We will freeze 3-cup servings that will be left at the church. For members interested in bringing soup or hot dishes already packaged, please label the container with the date and the content. If providing a hot dish, include baking instructions on the label.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

- COMMUNION:** 8:30 – Alex Gay 10:30 – Laurence Stratton
- USHERS** 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Brian Boen, Todd Gay & Stan Malecek
10:30 – Corey Gluesing & Aaron Thompson
- ACOLYTES** 8:30 – Kole Holland & Zane Boen
10:30 – Kyle Frank & Kaylee Fennern
- ALTAR GUILD** Lynnette Blem & Lowanda Frank



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Community News

“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.

Community Talking Circles: Come sit in and have a conversation to get a better understanding of what things will look and feel like when using the Circle process. You may attend all of the Circles, a few, or just one. All are welcome!! The conversation will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings at Renville County Government Center in room 117. Begins each night @ 5.00 with a snack and gets started at 5:15 to 6:30. Jan. 28, 29 and Feb. 12, 19, 25 & 26

Santa’s Closet: Blessings and thanks for your support of Santa’s Closet. With the help of volunteers and donation Santa’s Closet (2018) served 310 families. Santa’s Closet = Dignity-Respect-Smiles-Happiness!

Adult Grief Classes starting February 4th, 2019. Brochure is on the east entrance board.

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Soli Deo Gloria

Jesus comes to set us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Friday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, for the good news announced to us, the freedom given to us, and for sight that enlightens us, we give you thanks. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this food. May this meal fill our bodies and your word fill our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord sustain you when you are weary, free you when you are burdened, and bless you with grace and favor. (Luke 4:18-19)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When you are free to choose, what is one of your favorite things you like to do?
- When have you been set free from a burden?
- The prophet Isaiah and Jesus announce God's power of freeing people's lives from things like poverty, imprisonment, and physical illness. What would you like to be set free from by the power of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

The text Jesus chooses from Isaiah sets the stage for what Jesus has come to do: set people free. The root word for freedom used here is also the word for forgiveness. At the heart of all human burdens and limitations is the pain of regret. People regret what they have done, and they regret the things they have failed to do. At the end of our day and the end of our days, it is good to be set free from both and to rest in the care and embrace of the God who sets us free from our past to enjoy an eternal future. To be set free is to be freed to love others and to love ourselves. This is the wisdom of faith celebrated by the psalmist. Such divine teachings (law), precepts, and ordinances are more desirable "than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). This is a picture of joy for which Jesus has now set us free. What images can you think of that show joy? How would you describe the joy of being set free by Jesus?

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

In 1 Corinthians 12:21-22, Paul says, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect." In our society, we tend to respect the honored and belittle others. Paul says that as the body of Christ, we are to care for one another. In what ways can you show care and compassion to those who suffer?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The closing prayer in Psalm 19 is often used at the beginning of sermons, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (v. 14). This week, pray this verse as part of a morning prayer ritual as a way to honor the day and see your actions and thoughts as a form of praise to God.