

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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February 3, 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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February 3 – February 10

Sunday 2/3	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
Monday 2/4	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
Tuesday 2/5	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 2/6	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation/Meal	
Thursday 2/7	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
Friday 2/8		
Saturday 2/9	Worship	5:30
	Wedding	3:00
Sunday 2/10	Worship	8:30 & 10:30

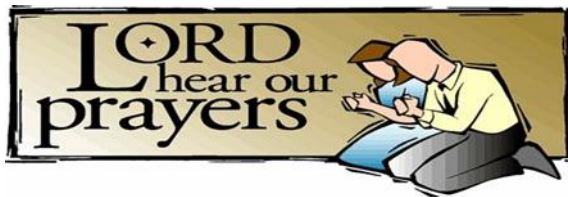


Bible Women: "All Their Words and Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman is Thursday at 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. If you cannot be there on Thursdays, consider getting the book and following along. If you have any ideas about how we might do a group online, please talk to Jeni.



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

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
- *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!



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Thrivent members: 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2019.

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 and May 1. There is also a spots open on Feb. 13, for one more family to join. Please call the office if you are able to help with a meal.

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.

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GOOD NEWS! The senior high gathering is later this year, so it shouldn't conflict with any playoffs or state tournaments! It will be held April 5-6 at Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria, MN.

The camp setting is so fun with a gym, climbing wall, coffee shop, game room, camp fire, dorms, and worship center. And the food is always so good! Walk Humbly is the theme this year and is based on Micah 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." 9-12 graders can register with Jeni, sign up on the parish minister door or youth board. Cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for friends. We will leave between 4:30 -6:00 on the 5th and return home at 8pm on the 6th. Bring money for dinner on the drive up and on the drive home and optional snacks and coffee drinks at the gathering.

Ski day - February 24. We will be hitting the slopes at Mt Kato, leaving Cross of Calvary at 12:30 and returning at 9-9:30 pm. This event is for 7-12 grade, however kids younger may participate with a parent or family. Drivers needed. Forms at church on the youth table or on our office door. You must sign up and pay by Wednesday, Feb. 20 for the group rate. (\$21 for lift ticket, \$19 for equipment rentals, \$4 for optional helmet rental. Also beginner lessons are available \$4.) Checks should be made out to Cross of Calvary Youth. Contact Jeni with questions.

Senior high (9-12) pizza and night games - February 10 - 6:00-8:30 at Cross of Calvary. Please sign up or text me so I know how much pizza to order.

Senior high youth group mark your calendar for March 10 and 31 also. More info next month!

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.



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

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. 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.

February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

The good news of Jesus breads down barriers

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected
Monday	Jeremiah 1:4-10	The Lord choses the boy Jeremiah
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 13:1- 13	The gift of love
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 34:1- 7	The reign of Josiah
Thursday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Friday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
Saturday	Psalm 71:1-6	A prayer for God's protection
Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus calls the first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[The people of Nazareth] got up, drove [Jesus] out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. Luke 4:29-30 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Compassionate God, your mercy brings in the foreigner and the enemy into your reign of love. Help us to be your loving messengers today. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, give us hearts that are grateful for your kindness that feeds us and strengthens us each day. Help us to be your loving servants. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord God of righteousness be your refuge and strength, your rock and your fortress. (Psalm 71:2-3)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Describe or think about what it means to be a friend.
- If you were asked to choose a team, how would you decide who is on your side?
- People often join together by finding a common enemy. In Luke 4:21-30 Jesus alienates himself from his own townspeople by telling how God supported the enemies of Israel. How is Jesus' message of God's support for those rejected by others good news for you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:21-30.

Jesus preaches in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth (4:14-21). The people are thrilled and praise Jesus until he points out how God cared for a foreign widow when there were plenty of widows who needed help in Israel and how God healed Naaman, the commander of an enemy army. The townspeople did not like the way Jesus showed how God cared for the enemy of the people of Israel. Historically, religion has often been used to support one's own people, supporting nationalism over true faith. Jesus experienced this, too. How do you see that happening in our world today? God's love leads us to a humility that "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7). How can God's love lead you to break down barriers between you and people you might consider your "enemy" because they disagree with you or are different than you?

Pray: **Dear Merciful God, thank you for loving us beyond anything we deserve.**

Guide us to love others, especially those we see as different from us. Help us to love as we have been loved through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Children and youth can easily be seen as the "church of the future" or future leaders in society. In Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:5-6 God trains and equips children to be faithful followers now, not later, and, in Jeremiah's case, a prophetic leader. Identify how you can support and mentor children and youth in the faith community and larger society.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God's love breaks down all barriers and all loyalties that separate one from another. Even our faith commitments mean nothing without love. It is a tradition for some people to keep a love journal. Pictures, sketches, and notes are captured in the journal as they see or experience images or acts of love in their daily life. Consider creating your own love journal and begin a daily ritual this week of prayerfully reciting 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, the great love hymn of the New Testament.