

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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February 17, 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 17 – February 24

Sunday 2/17 **Worship** **8:30 & 10:30**

Monday 2/18 Library reserved 6:00–8:00
Boy Scouts 6:30
March Follower Info. Due

Tuesday 2/19 Men's Bible Study 6:15/7:00

Wednesday 2/20 WOW 3:15-5:00

Confirmation/Meal

Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Youth Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday 2/21 Breakfast Club 7:07 am

Women's Bible Study 8:15 am

Quilters 9:00 am

Friday 2/22

Saturday 2/23 **Worship** **5:30**

Sunday 2/24 **Worship** **8:30 & 10:30**

Alter Guild Meeting, Feb. 27th at 7:30 pm

Outreach Meeting, Feb. 27th at 7:00 pm

The Spring Craft Retreat is looking for additional participants.

Any craft is welcome: sewing, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, etc. The dates are February 28, March 1 & 2. The fee is \$25 and 6 meals are included. There are registration forms on "The Door". If you have any questions, contact Ronda Berg at 320-523-5925.

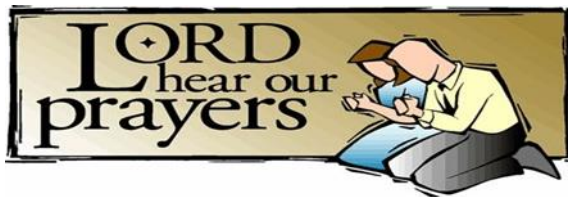


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Thrivent members: 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2019.

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
- *Rudy Gunderson – Dana Boen
- *Brandon Ochs – Steve & Sue Altmann & Friends
- *Gary Melin – Joanne Balgaard brother in law
- *Roger Weis – Family & 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 is in charge of “Meal on Wheels in March” sign-up sheet is on the board! Thank you!!!!



Cross of Calvary Youth

Camp at Green Lake:

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



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.

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

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.

Breakfast Club is for Youth in grades 10-12. We will meet every Thursday morning at 7:07 am.

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. 27 and May 1. Please call the office if you are able to help with a meal.

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	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



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 –10:30 – Will be decided at the next Council Meeting
USHERS 8:30 –Kirk Elfering, Gregg Helin, Richard Sigurdson & Rich Elbert
 10:30 – Dave Altmann & Dan Beckler
ACOLYTES 8:30 – Haylie Binnebose & Sam Sigurdson
 10:30 – Allie Paulsen & Kiera Flscher
ALTAR GUILD DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbie Kopel

Stephen Ministry

What exactly is the Stephen Ministry we've been hearing about? Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Minters are not counselors or therapists: rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough time in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervise in their ministry. If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend...please contact Jeni Skeie, Carole Buhr, or Pastor Matt. Shephem Ministrers offer caring Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it most.

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. 19, 25 & 26

Christian Community Outreach Center needs HELP!!!

PR & Fundraising: Faith based organization seeking candidate to write grants, recruit volunteers, maintain contact with area churches, community groups and schools. Employee will support & promote the work of the after school program and other ministries of the organization. Approximately 10 hours per week. Flexible schedule. Grant writing experience required. Send cover letter and resume listing 3 references to: Christian Community Outreach Center, 815 E Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277 Closing date February 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm

After School Enrichment Coordinator: Faith based organization seeking candidate to plan and implement activities for after school program in Olivia. Candidate will direct service projects, train volunteers, supervise homework time, and teach morals and values through daily Jesus time. Successful candidate must have experience working with children in educational or faith setting. Hours are 2:30-6:00 M-F. Program follows BOLD School calendar. Send cover letter and resume listing 3 references to Christian Community Outreach Center, 815 E Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277 Closing date, February 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Zion United Methodist Church is having their Annual Family Style Turkey Supper. Wednesday, February 27, eat in & Takeout meals served from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Adults: \$10.00, 5-11 yr. od: \$5.00 and preschool free.(306 – 2nd St NW, Buffalo Lake, MN

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Blessed Are They

To be blessed is to have joy and contentment.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain
Monday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
Wednesday	Acts 13:26-34	Bring the good news
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Sermon on the Mount
Saturday	Psalms 1	Blessed are the faithful
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is in the LORD. **Jeremiah 17:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, bless your people like a tree planted by water that bears fruit, even during dry seasons. Amen. (Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8)

Mealtime Prayer:

As we eat this meal, may your word feed the soul and give joy and contentment to the heart. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with contentment, with joy, and with laughter through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Luke 6:20-22)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ❑ Tell or think about a time you felt very fortunate, very happy.
- ❑ Talk or think about a time you felt as though things were going badly for you.
- ❑ In the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26), Jesus describes those who are experiencing difficulties as people who are blessed. How can this be?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 6:17-26.

We can hear ourselves and others describe our lives as blessed when something good happens to us. However, Jesus reverses this thinking in what is called the Sermon on the Plain. The poor, the hungry, those weeping, those hated because of the Son of Man will, in the future, receive riches, food, laughter, and joy. So confident is Jesus of this future that he calls them blessed now. The reverse is true for those who receive fortunes now. They are called cursed. Jesus presents a view of life with very different standards and rewards than most people value today. Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17 do so as well. To trust the wisdom, the teachings of God, gives the blessed life, not human powers filled with deviousness (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus, the psalmist, and Jeremiah honor a life that trusts God's word above all things. This gives a life more to be treasured than what one sees and experiences now. This is faith that blesses us with joy and contentment. Recall difficult times you have had or are now experiencing. Hear and believe Jesus' words read in this passage from Luke 6 that you, as a follower of Jesus, are blessed, no matter your circumstances.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

In Luke 6, Jesus lifts up the poor, the hungry, and the grieving for a reason. These are the ones for whom the Bible shows God's preferential care. Be on the lookout for how you can show God's care for the poor, the hungry, and the grieving this week—and always. What can you do this week to care for those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Blessing others is an ancient tradition, a way to speak of God's love and care for others. It often comes with a physical gesture. It is the act of a faith community that communicates God's word of peace and joy. That community can be a parent with a child or a pastor with a congregation. This week offer a blessing to another person, perhaps to a family member when they leave the house or go to bed, or to a friend when you depart from each other's company. When you do so, make the sign of the cross on that person's forehead as a reminder of God's baptismal promise.