

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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February 24, 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.

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.

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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 24 – March 3

Sunday 2/24	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
Monday 2/25	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
	Ruth Bible Study	
Tuesday 2/26	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 2/27	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation/Meal	
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm
	Alter Guild Meeting	7:30 pm
	Outreach Meeting	7:00 pm
	Dorcas Bible Study	
Thursday 2/28	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Craft Retreat	3:30 pm
Friday 3/01	Craft Retreat	all day
Saturday 3/02	Craft Retreat	
	Worship	5:30
	Baptism (Kemintz)	
Sunday 3/03	Worship	8:30 & 10:30

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
- *Gary Melin – Joanne Balgaard brother in law
- *Pat Swanson – Kenny Ziesmer sister
- *Jim Doering –Friend of Kenny Ziesmer

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!!!!



Sign up on the “Board” to join our new **email Prayer chain** – No meetings, just prayers.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

Cross of Calvary Youth

Camp at Green Lake: Register online and full out The Cross of Calvary info sheet on the Youth Board. http://www.gllm.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!

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

Put Day camp on your calendar – July 7-11 @ Cross of Calvary. This is for kids who have finished K-6. Registration will be online. Cost is \$45.00

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 30 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	24	Youth	Kevin and Heidi Morse Tom and DeeAnne Newville Travis and Annmarie Suess
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March Coffee Hour

- March 3 - Tom & Alica Osthus
Randy Paulsen & Michelle Ryan
Tracy Prokosch**
- March 10 - Aaron & Heather Thompson
Tim & Jessica Grund
Shad & Jennie Evenson**
- March 17 - Joe & Siri Youngkrantz
Roger & Tonia Ridler
Dalen & Jamie Stryker**
- March 24 - Freddie & Monica Ridler
Dan & JHeidi Gross
Dawn Matti**
- March 31 - Richard & Krista Schrupp
Taylor & Tanya Serbus
Bob & Nanette Serbus**

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 Ministers 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. Stephen Ministers offer caring Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it most.

Community News

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

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. old: \$5.00 and preschool free. (306 – 2nd St NW, Buffalo Lake, MN

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Be merciful as God is merciful.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies
Monday	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	The resurrection body
Wednesday	Genesis 43:16-34	Joseph is kind to his brothers
Thursday	Romans 8:1-11	Life in the Spirit
Friday	1 John 2:7-17	A new commandment
Saturday	Psalm 37:1-11, 39- 40	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **Luke 6:36-37 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of mercy let us follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

May this food give us strength to overcome anger and anxiety with love and mercy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord rescue you from all your enemies and be your hiding place in times of trouble. (Psalm 37:40)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When has someone showed kindness and forgiveness toward you? Explain.
- Tell or think about a time you showed kindness and forgiveness toward someone.
- What makes it easy or difficult to show mercy to someone else?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 6:27-38.

Compassion is a powerful force in life. We grow up wanting to be fair, but fairness is not as easy as it might first appear, especially when we try to see life through someone else's eyes. Finally, fairness falls short. Only kindness and mercy can heal relationships and give hope to a divided and broken world. Jesus speaks as a wise sage, one who points his followers in the direction of compassion that requires courage and strength of character, grounded in knowing that our God is the God of love and mercy. When the body of Christ speaks and acts faithfully with courage and strength, it speaks and acts with mercy. The church has little to say to the world if it does not know the ultimate power of God's mercy. Take time to reflect silently on the power, beauty, and grace of God's mercy. If you are with others, talk about your thoughts after the time of silence.

***Pray:* God of mercy, give us the grace, power, and faith to trust you so that we can love our enemies, and give without an expectation of receiving in return. Let us follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.**

SERVICE

Sometimes it is difficult to love those near and dear to us. Jesus directs us to love our enemies and pray for them. Is there a person who is hard for you to like or makes you angry or afraid? Pray for this person and then think of an act of kindness you can do for this person whether writing a note or leaving a gift.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 encourages us to trust the Lord when we are being mistreated by wrongdoers. Feeling mistreated by others can make us feel hurt and our relationship with them changes. Write a list of people who have wronged you in the past. Then say the Lord's Prayer, the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Pause after "forgive us our trespasses (sins and debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us," and read the names you have written aloud or silently before finishing the prayer.