

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 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.

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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March 3 – March

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

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Alex Gay
	10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
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 Fischer

ALTAR GUILD: DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbie Kopel

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.

Susie Lothert – Family & Friends

Rudy Gunderson – Dana Boen uncle

Brandon Ochs – Steve & Sue Altmann’s friend

Gary Melin – Joanne Balgaard

Family of Roger Weis

Pat Swanson – sister of Ken Ziesmer

Jim Doering – Friend of Ken Ziesmer

Linda Cole – Nate Cole’s Mother

Barb Miller – Friends and Family

Autumn Stryker – Family and 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 is in charge of “Meal on Wheels in March” sign-up sheet is on the board! Thank you!!!!



Cross of Calvary Youth

Ski Day - rescheduled for Sunday, March 10! We will be hitting the slopes at Mt Kato leaving, Cross of Calvary at 12:30 and returning home between 9-9:30pm. 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, March 6; we need 15 people for the group rate. (\$21 for lift ticket, \$19 for equipment rentals, \$4 for helmet rental) Checks should be made out to Cross of Calvary Youth. In order to get the group rate, I have to pay for the whole group in one payment. Contact Jeni with questions.

Camp at Green Lake: Register online and fill 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!



Day Camp will be July 7-11 @ Cross of Calvary this year. This program brings in staff from Green Lake Bible Camp for the week. We start Sunday evening with a campfire and continue Monday-Thursday 1-6 pm, with a meal to conclude each day. There will be ty-dying, crafts, games, songs, bible stories and loads of friends. All of this is centered on the theme of Transformed Community and Romans 12:2. Youth who have finished grades K-6 are encouraged to register online. Cost is \$45.

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.

March Coffee Hour

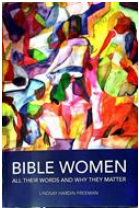
- March 3 - Tom & Alica Osthus
Randy Paulsen & Michelle Ryan
Tracy Prokosch**
- March 10 - Aaron & Heather Thompson
Tim & Jessica Grund
Shad & Jennie Evenson**
- March 17 - Joe & Siri Youngkrantz
Roger & Tonia Ridler
Dalen & Jamie Stryker**
- March 24 - Freddie & Monica Ridler
Dan & JHeidi Gross
Dawn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



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.

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.

Care Team is starting a prayer chain. We are aware of so many loved ones, neighbors, friends and people we don't know who are in need of prayer. Romans 12:12 reminds us to "...be constant in prayer." So, sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church or email Jeni @ jeniskeie@gmail.com to sign up. No meetings - just prayers!



This **Women's Bible Study** will be starting on March 10, 9:30 in Jeni's office. We will meet Sundays. Books can be ordered online. You can join at anytime. This takes us into the Bible to look at the women who spoke in the Bible and what they said. Crazy the stuff you find in the Bible....Please join us! If you need help getting your book please contact Jeni.

Community News

St. Aloysius Church: Men's Sausage Breakfast: March 10th, serving 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Jubilee Center. Homemade Sausage, scrambled eggs, hash brown, rolls, apple sauce, coffee, milk and juice. (Take-out meals available) Cost: adults \$10, Children 12 & under: \$5.00 Sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

You are invited to Renville First Lutheran Church for Lenten Breakfast on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:30 am. Put on by First Lutheran WELCA in the FLC Social Hall. This year's program will be presented by Pastor Jane Crawford. Please RSVP to the church office at 320-329-3954. Please sign up by March 4th, Free will offering.

The Renville County Food Shelf Board is asking for your help again in 2019. Donation may be delivered to the Renville County Food Shelf at 108 S. 9th Street, Olivia, MN or mailed to our treasurer, Mary Schroepfer, at 108 S. 10th Street, Olivia, MN 56277. Donations received during the month of March are included in the Minnesota Food Share Campaign. A portion of your donation is matched by MN Food Share.

Smelt Fry Friday, March 15 with serving from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. All the Smelt you can eat at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian. Adults: \$12, Ages 6-12:\$5, 5 and under: Free. Menu: Smelt coleslaw, beans, bread, bars and beverage.

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday



HYMN OF THE WEEK

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

God's glory shines on the cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Exodus 34:29-35	The shining face of Moses
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	God's new agreement
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Acts 10:1-23	God speaks to Peter in a vision
Friday	Acts 10:24-33	Peter tells Cornelius about Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory and were speaking of [Jesus'] departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **Luke 9:31 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of glory and might, help us to see Jesus in mountain top experiences and in the daily needs of others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, may we see in this meal the glory of your care for us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy of God strengthen you to serve the Lord with gladness. (2 Corinthians 4:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Talk or think about a time you had an amazing experience.
- When has God seemed to be most present to you?
- We typically separate times of ecstasy and glory from times of suffering. Why does the Bible and Christianity hold these two so closely together?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

The presence of Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration unites Jesus with the same God revealed in the Old Testament. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. The two Old Testament figures speak to Jesus about his “departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem” (v. 31). The word for “departure” in Greek is *exodus*, the great act of God’s deliverance, God’s salvation in the Old Testament. Jesus’ *exodus*, his great act of salvation will now be fulfilled in Jerusalem through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus’ dazzling white appearance shows God’s glory completed through his departure in Jerusalem. Reflect on how Jesus’ dazzling white appearance in glory is completed in what he accomplishes in Jerusalem. How does the suffering we experience today help us to experience God’s presence in our lives?

***Pray:* God of power and glory, help us to see your glorious presence in our lives. Be with those who are experiencing times of suffering. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus descends from the Mountain of Transfiguration and immediately he is seen teaching and healing a father’s son (Luke 9:37-43a). Healing diseased bodies and teaching others are both forms of Christian service. How do you offer healing to those who are hurting or teaching to those who could use instruction? Name those in your community who heal and teach as a profession. Consider donating time or money to organizations where they are involved. In what other ways can you support them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke, the transfiguration of Jesus happens while he is praying. This dramatic encounter with God on the mountain is seen through the dramatic encounter with God in prayer. Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany. It is an old tradition to serve grapes, apples, and other fruit to celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. This week celebrate the transfiguration by serving a tray of grapes in the shape of a cross surrounded by other fruit. When served, top with whipped cream to represent the cloud appearing on the mountain. Discuss how we experience God’s glorious presence through prayer.