

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 10, 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 10 – March 17

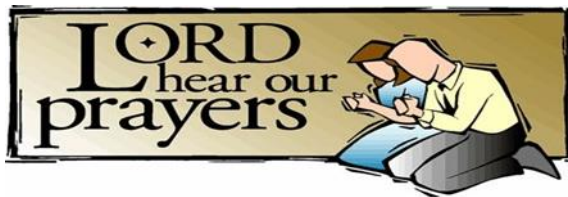
Sunday 3/10	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Girl Scout Sunday	
Monday 3/11	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
Tuesday 3/12	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
	Jesus Justice League	3:15 -5:00
	Theology on Tap	8:00 pm
Wednesday 3/13	Lenten Service	7:00 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation	6:00 -7:00
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30
Thursday 3/14	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
Friday 3/15		
Saturday 3/16	Worship	5:30
Sunday 3/17	Worship	8:30 & 10:30

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

Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother

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

Family of Cindy Gay – Todd Gay’s mother

Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather

Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother

Lesley Sagedahl – Daren Sagedahl’s sister

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 full out The Cross of Calvary info sheet on the Youth Board. http://www.qllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general_insert_2019.pdf



GOOD NEWS! The senior high gathering is 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.” 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.

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.

Girls Scout Brownie Troop #34698 is working on Literacy project this year for their service project. Besides going to the nursing home to read to a “buddy”, they are also having a book drive. They are collecting books to donate to the Little Reading Libraries around our communities. If you have any used books in good condition you would like to donate, please drop them on the collection box in the Narthex by March 27th. Thank you for your support, Maddy Cole & Troop #34698.

March Coffee Hour

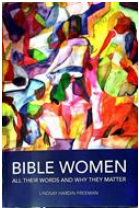
- March 10 - Aaron & Heather Thompson
Tim & Jessica Grund
Shad & Jennie Evenson**
- March 17 - Joe & Siri Youngkrantz
Roger & Tonia Ridler
Dalen & Jamie Stryker**
- March 24 - Freddie & Monica Ridler
Dan & JHeidi Gross
Dawn Matti**
- March 31 - Richard & Krista Schrupp
Taylor & Tanya Serbus
Bob & Nanette 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 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.

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.

7th Annual Faith Conference: Developing Spiritual Intelligence: Saturday, April 27th at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For more information see entrance board.

Millennium Theater is offering private showings for congregation for the upcoming faith based drama "**Break Through**" (PG) from April 12th-April 25th. For more information see the Youth Board.

March 10, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak

Jesus speaks God's word faithfully.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	A confession of faith
Tuesday	Romans 10:8b-13	Salvation is for all
Wednesday	Zechariah 3:1-10	The Lord clothes Joshua
Thursday	1 John 2:1-6	Christ helps us
Friday	Job 1:1-22	Job and his family
Saturday	Psalms 91:1-2, 9- 16	The Lord is my fortress
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered [the devil], "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" **Luke 4:8 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of truth, your word is true and in you only can we trust. Thank you for Jesus, the one whose trust in you is our hope and salvation. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for this gift of food to satisfy us and to remind us of your care and saving presence. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord your God be with you in times of trouble and rescue you and honor you all the days of your life. (Psalm 91:15)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What does it mean to be a good listener?
- What gets in the way of good listening?
- In Luke 4, the devil valued himself at the center of the universe. Jesus places God at the center. When we see ourselves as the most important part of a conversation, how does that influence how we listen to others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:1-13.

This story is often called the “Temptation of Jesus.” That description focuses on Jesus’ ability to resist sin. However, the Hebrew word for “tempted” can also be translated as “tested.” This other translation is helpful since the story is more about testing Jesus to see what kind of messiah he plans to be, one who seeks personal power and prestige, or one who is faithful to the God of the Bible. When the focus is on temptation, we can easily miss how we, like the devil, can try to change Jesus into someone who serves our desires for personal importance. Both Jesus and the devil quote Scripture. We can use the Bible and our faith in unfaithful ways. Part of our sinfulness is to make Jesus into someone who serves our desires instead of the one who points us to worship and trust God to take care of our real needs. Think about or discuss how Jesus is our Savior by overcoming evil and idolatry (desire for personal power and glory) and by placing his trust in God.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you that Jesus speaks your word faithfully; help us to listen to your word and trust in you. Amen.**

SERVICE

Romans 10:8b states, “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim).” Confessing faith in the Lord not only assures you of your salvation, but is a source of proclamation so that others may be encouraged to have faith in Christ. The Reformation theme of the priesthood of all believers includes our calling to tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ. Use your voice this week to affirm faith in Jesus. It may be as simple as a table grace, nighttime prayer, or blessing given to a family member or friend.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the forty days of Lent we do not hear the word “Alleluia” spoken or sung during worship. We reflect on repentance and what it means. In Luke 4, Jesus is led by the Spirit to go into the desert for a time of spiritual reflection. Time for spiritual reflection and devotions is a traditional part of the Christian life. Commit to a regular time in your home during Lent when you can read scripture and pray. Place this Taking Faith Home bulletin on a table where you can easily use it to do a portion of it each day.