

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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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.





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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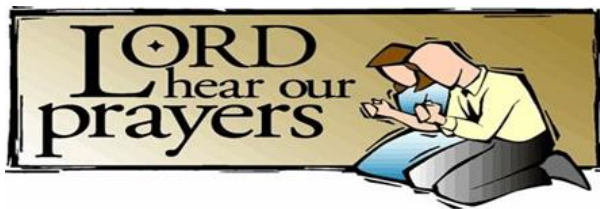
April 14 – April 21

Sunday 4/14	Palm Sunday	8:30 & 10:30
	Sunday School	
	Breakfast served 9:30 – 10:15	
	Easter “Good Gifts”	
Monday 4/15	Matins service at 7:00 am	
	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm
	Easter “Good Gifts due”	
Tuesday 4/16	Matins Service 7:00 am	
	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 4/17	Matins service at 7:00 am	
	WOW	3:15-5:00
	No Confirmation	6:00 -7:00
	No Theology on Tap	8:00
Thursday 4/18	Matins service at 7:00 am	
	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 am
	Maundy Services at noon & 7:30 pm	
Friday 4/19	Matins service at 7:00 am	
	Good Friday service at 7:00 pm	
Saturday 4/20	No Worship	
Sunday 4/21	Easter services at 6:30 & 9:00 am	
	No Sunday School	

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Nathan Cole
	10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
USHERS	8:30 – Eric Skeie, Cheryl Mallak, Ron & Linda Fahse
	10:30 – Need Ushers
ACOLYTES	8:30 – Abby Stovern & Madeline Ridler 10:30 – Daylea Stryker & 1 more needed
ALTAR GUILD:	Stacey Larson, Tara Amber & Sarah Iverson

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
Gary Melin – Joanne Balgaard
Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother
Linda Cole – Nate Cole’s Mother
Barb Miller – Friends and Family
Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather
Lesley Sagedahl – Daren Sagedahl’s sister
Steve Palmer – Jeff Keltgen friend

Julie O’Halloran – Doug & Jody Steffel
Brian Reese – Kathy Reese son
Larry Amberg – Pete Amberg
Lori Peterson – Angie Metteer’s friend
Family of Brian Hanson
Lyn Tesch – George Tesch daughter
Family of Donnie Hagen
Bev Beckman – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Cross of Calvary News/Events

BIG Thank You from the Ham Dinner Committee to all who helped make this year’s Ham Dinner a success! Also, your pans are ready to be picked up; they are in the hallway outside the kitchen.

Couples Open House Wedding Shower honoring, Jacob Gay and Isabel Avila. The shower will be held at Bird Island’s Grandma’s house at 460 S. 6th Street on April 20th, 2019. Time: 11:00 – 1:00, Registered at Amazon.com

Hole-y-One Golf Scramble (Cross of Calvary Church and Our Saviors Church): Sunday, May 5th starting at 2:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Youth groups. Please sign up on “The Board “, more info on the board also.

The movie "Break Through", is having a special showing for Cross of Calvary members at the Millennium Theatre in Montevideo on Saturday, April 20th at 10 am. Please sign up on 'The Door' and indicate if you would like to drive as we would be carpooling to this event. Space is limited to 65 people, and cost is free, as the Bazaar committee is treating you to your ticket! Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, **April 17th**. "Break Through" is based on true events and is a Christian drama about a teen boy, who in 2015, broke through an icy lake and was without a pulse for 45 minutes. See what the power of prayer did for this family! NBA basketball player Stephen Curry is executive producer. **Needed: minimum of 15 people to go!!!**

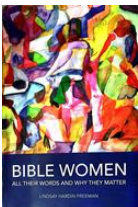
Stephen Ministry: What exactly is the Stephen Ministry we've been hearing about? Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists: rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough time in life. Stephen 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.

Living Lutheran Magazine (After April, the magazine will no longer be delivered to your homes. If you are interested in reading the magazine, 10 copies will be available at church for you to take home and read and then return for others to enjoy! A second option would be to go online and google Living Lutheran magazine, Official site): this allows you to read the magazine online (scroll to the bottom of the page to find the magazine, current issue) www.livinglutheran.org

You can also subscribe to receive some Living Lutheran articles via email!

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>

This **Women's Bible Study** will be in Jeni's office. We will meet Sundays. Books can be ordered online. You can join at any time. 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.





Hosted by the Men's Group in support of youth scholarships for camps and mission trips
Where: Cross of Calvary Church
When: Wednesday, May 1st from 5pm-7pm
Who: Adults: \$7.00 - Children: ages 4 to 12 - \$4.00
Children 4 and under are free

Serving: Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Veggie Tray, Dessert and Beverage
Please make checks payable to Cross of Calvary Men's Group

Cross of Calvary Youth

Camp at Green Lake: Register online and fill out The CofC info sheet on the Youth Board. http://www.gllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general_insert_2019.pdf



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.

March/April/May Coffee Hour

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| April 21 | Easter – no Coffee Hour |
| April 28 | Brain and Heather Weis
Richard Sigurdson
Randy and Tami Steffel |
| May 5 | Chad & Gina Amsden
Laurence and Jennifer Stratton
Derek and Tami Stovern |
| May 12 | Senior Recognition hosted by the Junior Class parents |
| May 19 | Summer Coffee Hour (Hosts needed) sign up on "The Board" and thank you in advance!! |



Community News

Mental Health Awareness Presentation: Keynote Presenter: Ted Matthews. Monday, April 29th, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Renville County Government Services Center, in Olivia, Room 116-117 **Free to Attend!**

Fourth Annual Renville County Peace Officer Appreciation Day; Sunday, April 28th from 9AM-1PM at Bart's Place – Renville MN. (Serving a Breakfast Buffet) Everyone is invited to have a brunch with our Renville County Peace Officers and their families.

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

West Central Minnesota Historical Association's traveling World War I exhibit
The Museum is Open Monday - Friday 10 AM - 4 PM and Special Open House on Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10 AM - 4 PM! Serving refreshments!

Olivia's House of Hope will be hosting their 4th Annual 'Raising Hope' Event on May 3, 2019. Please see flyer at east entrance for more inform

Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition Message **Distracted Driving Message – When you're distracted, Who's Driving?**



April 14, 2019 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Jesus forgives us from the cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Luke 22:14–23:56	The Last Supper and crucifixion
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–1:42	The suffering and death of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:1-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." **Luke 23:34a (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of mercy, thank you for entering our experience of weakness and sin and for sending us out into the world with courage and grace to do your will in the world. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for this food, a sign of your steadfast love that shines upon us. Amen. (Psalm 31:16)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you in your distress and may the face of God shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:9 and 16)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- 🗉 What would you say is one of your strengths? one of your weaknesses?
- 🗉 Peter saw himself as loyal to Jesus no matter what, but he was wrong. What is it like to learn something disappointing about yourself?
- 🗉 Jesus does not let human frailty stop him from forgiving and strengthening his followers. How does this help you live out your life each day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 23:1-49.

The crucifixion of Jesus tells us a lot about our human tendencies and about our God who defeats human frailty with forgiveness. The crowds praise Jesus' entry into Jerusalem then within a week say, "Crucify him" (v.21). Peter promises to be faithful to Jesus but denies him three times. The people give false witness about Jesus to make him look bad in front of Pilate (v. 2). The leaders, the crowd, and the soldiers mock Jesus, but their words bear the truth of who he really is. Two criminals are killed along with Jesus. One ridicules Jesus while the other seeks his tender care (vv. 40-43). Sinful self-centeredness blinds us to Jesus and his saving grace. In Christ, God is willing to enter our world and participate in vulnerability, injustices, suffering, and death. It shows the way of Jesus' cross as the way of true peace, true life, and true hope. How does the church today reflect the way of the cross and the power of God?

Pray: **Merciful Lord and Savior, you who endured our lies, our fears, and our sin, we praise you for enduring it all from the cross to bring your hope and salvation to us all. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 31 is filled with feelings of pain and loneliness. Homeless people experience pain and loneliness daily. There are many reasons a person becomes homeless. It may be losing a job, illness, drug abuse, domestic abuse, etc. Take time to learn more about the homeless and find an organization near you that helps the homeless. How can you support this organization?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As Jesus entered Jerusalem the people waved palm branches in the air saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven" (Luke 19:39). It is a tradition for Christians all around the world to receive palm branches during worship on Palm Sunday. Light a candle and read Luke 19:28-40 or use a children's storybook Bible. If you have palms, wave or process with the palms in your home. As you do so, say: **Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**