

# 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.

Happy  
Spring





#### 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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## May 12 - 19

**Sunday 5/12**

**Services**

**8:30 & 10:30**

**Last day of Sunday school**

**Senior Recognition Sunday – coffee**

**and treats in the Fellowship Hall after 8:30 service**

**Monday 5/13**

Library reserved

6:00–8:00

**Barb Miller Funeral at 1:00 pm,**

**Visitation is 11:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Tuesday 5/14**

Men's Bible Study

6:15/7:00

Jesus Justice League

3:15 pm

**Wednesday 5/15**

WOW

3:15-5:00

Church Council Meeting

7:30

**Thursday 5/16**

Breakfast Club

7:07 am

Women's Bible Study

8:15 am

Sue out of the office Friday & Monday

**Friday 5/17**

**Saturday 5/18**

**Sunday 5/19**

**Worship**

**9:00 am & 5:30 pm**

**Monday 5/20**

**Ruth Unit meet at Parkview at noon**

### MAY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:

8:30 – Elaine McDowell

10:30 – DeAnne Neville

USHERS

8:30 – Jon Hawkinson, Nathan Cole & Rod Osthus

10:30 – Duane & Karen Flom,  
David Torgelson

ACOLYTES

Craig Lothert Jr. & Juliana Kopka

ALTAR GUILD:

Karen van der Hagen & Angie Boen

**Ring found, please claim in the office.**

# 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.

Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother

Family of Barb Miller

Mike Abrahamson – Bobbi & Tim

Lane Wacek – Marcella Wacek

Adam Bleck – Elaine McDowell nephew

Brandon Ochs – Altmann's friend

Tami Steffel –Family

Sandy Kubesh – Family

Bob Smith – Family

Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother

## Cross of Calvary Events for May

May 12 - Senior Recognition Sunday at the 8:30 am service/Treats and coffee from 9:30 - 10:20 am

May 12 - Last day of Sunday School

May 14 - Jesus Justice League at 3:15 (last day)

May 15 - WOW

May 15 - Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 16 - Breakfast Club 7:07 am

**May 19 - Start of Summer Services hours (9:00 am and 5:30 pm)**

May 20 - Ruth Bible Study

May 22 - Dorcas Bible Study

May 22 - WOW (last day)

May 22 - Altar Guild Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 23 - Breakfast Club 7:07 am

May 30 - Last day for Breakfast Club

The Equipping Team has a VERY BRIEF survey about what you might like to learn at Cross of Calvary! Would you please take our survey?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8VSDR33>

# 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](http://www.gllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general_insert_2019.pdf)



**Day Camp:** Registration for Day Camp at Cross of Calvary for this summer!!! Don't miss out!!! This is for youth who have finished Kindergarten - 6th grade. Bring your friends too! July 7-11 (Sunday - Thursday)

<https://forms.gle/9LEdqwmLfmT7SLp8>

**Registration opens on May 8th**

## May Coffee Hour

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!!

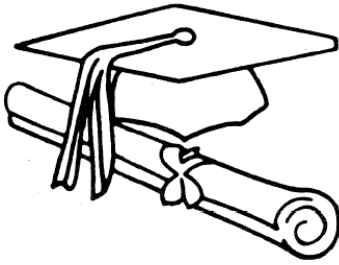


# Community News

**Renville County Back the Pack:** Open House to Thank Donors and Volunteers will be Thursday, May 16 from 2-6 pm at the Pack Shack 104 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Olivia

**Fundraiser for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Camper Scholarship's:** Golf Tournament will be held on June 1, 2019. For more information check the East entrance board.

**PGA Memorial Golf Tournament:** Saturday, May 25: registration at 10:00 am, shotgun starts at 11:11am – A tournament to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. All are welcome to play!!! Contact Steve & Sue Altmann if interested in playing or donating either money or a silent auction item. Thanks!!!! 320-522-0048 or 320-522-0049.



# **2019 Graduates**

## **An Invitation to the Congregation**

Spencer Reinhold Helmer

Dawn Helmer & Steve Helmer  
Open House: Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4 pm  
Lake Lillian Community Center

Jake Jaron Evenson

Shad & Jenny Evenson  
Open House: Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm  
1003 W. Chestnut Ave, Olivia

Shelby Lynn Stovern

Derek & Tami Stovern  
Open House: Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm  
420 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Bird Island

Emma Maureen Thompson

Heather & Aaron Thompson  
Open House: Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-7 pm  
Cross of Calvary Church

Megan Elise Ridler

Roger & Tonia Ridler  
Open House: Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 pm  
405 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Olivia

Trey Michael Mertens

Greg & Dawn Mertens  
Open House: Sat., June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 -10 pm  
34522 830<sup>th</sup> Ave Olivia

Hayli Marie Garcia

George & Elisha Garcia  
Open House: Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm  
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Cade Aldon Morse

Mark & Jaime Morse  
Open House: Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> form 1-4 pm  
Olivia American Legion

Joseph Robert Mikosch

Jeff Mikosch & Danna Stamer  
Open House: Sun. June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm  
1415 Fairacre Lane SW, Willmar

Daniel James Newville

Tom & DeeAnne Newville  
Open House: Sat., June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 -10 pm  
34522 830<sup>th</sup> Ave Olivia

Alexandra Lila Revier

Dave & Chris Revier

Makenna Rae Steffel

Randy & Tami Steffel  
Open House: Sun. June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm  
650 Ranchwood Dr., Bird Island

**Reminder to Cross of Calvary members: readers** need for Sundays, if you are interested please sign up on the “Board”. Thanks!!!

## **Spaghetti Supper at Cross of Calvary** **Thank you to the Men’s Group for hosting!!**

A BIG thank you to those who donated food, prepared, served, wash dishes and cleaned up. Your help was greatly appreciated!! The dinner brought in \$750.00 with Thrivent contributing \$500.00.

- The money is used for Youth Events such as Scholarships to Camp, Mission Trips and National Gathering.

Lucky kids!!!

## **Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition Message**



**75% of child  
car seats are  
installed  
incorrectly.**

It's time we all get it right.



**May 12, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Children of the Heavenly Father

*The Lord is my Shepherd.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>	<b>Jesus promises life to his sheep</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 9:36-43</b>	<b>Peter brings Dorcas back to life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 7:9-17</b>	<b>The multitude from every nation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-31</b>	<b>God, the true shepherd</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 12:22-34</b>	<b>Do not worry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>God's people are comforted</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>	<b>Love one another</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of goodness and mercy, thank you for your shepherding love that pursues us all the days of our lives. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Shepherd God, we thank you that our cup overflows with your never-failing love that pursues us with goodness, mercy, and this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 23:5-6)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Good Shepherd make you lie down by green pastures, lead you beside still waters, and restore your soul. (Psalm 23:2-3)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What gives you a sense of calm?
- ☑ How have you experienced comfort during difficult times?
- ☑ God is your Good Shepherd who restores your soul. What does this mean to you?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Psalm 23.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is the Good Shepherd Sunday. Some part of John 10 and Psalm 23 are always part of these lectionary texts. The passages connect the resurrection life celebrated throughout the Easter season with God's providential care that provides security in the midst of tough times and a promised future of peace. Psalm 23 is a psalm of trust in the midst of crisis. However, the crisis here is not clearly identified. There are allusions to the forty years of exodus wanderings. The theme of needing nothing in verse one is paralleled in Nehemiah 9:21 where for forty years the people "lacked nothing," the same Hebrew word translated as "shall not want" in Psalm 23:1. While difficult times—the darkest valley—beset all people, including all of God's people, faith in Christ still allows one to see and experience beauty and peace. The term "follow" in verse six also means "pursue." Here it is contrasted with its usual Old Testament association of being pursued by an enemy. Even more, in this psalm we are pursued by the love and protection of our Good Shepherd. When you read Psalm 23, what words stood out for you? How do those words relate to what you are now experiencing in your life?

*Pray:* **Good Shepherd, give me eyes to see and a heart to believe that you have set green pastures and still waters before me and that your goodness and mercy pursue me always. Amen.**

## SERVICE

In the story of Peter bringing Dorcas back to life, we are told: "Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity" (Acts 9:36). Dorcas was well loved by her neighbors as a result of her generosity and acts of kindness for others. Cooking a meal for someone, babysitting for free, walking for a good cause, sending a care package, or some other act of kindness all show God's love to others. What random acts of kindness can you do this week to surprise a friend or neighbor?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus is often referred to as "The Good Shepherd." Some of the earliest Christian art and the most represented art found in catacombs shows this. It has been a tradition for artists around the world to paint Jesus as a shepherd. Do you have a picture like this in your home? If not, find several different pieces or artwork showing Jesus as a shepherd. What is different about the pictures? What is the same? Describe how Jesus is caring for his sheep in each piece of artwork. Describe how Jesus cares for you. Make a list of ways you show care for others. How does your list compare to how Jesus cares for us?