

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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May 26, 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.





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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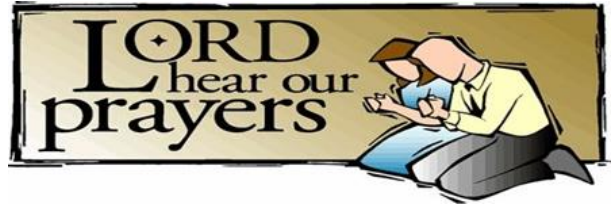
May 26 – June 2

Sunday 5/26	Services	9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday 5/27	Library reserved Office Closed	6:00–8:00
Tuesday 5/28	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 5/29	Theology on Tap	
Thursday 5/30	Last Breakfast Club Women's Bible Study	7:07 am 8:15 am
Friday 5/31	BOLD High School Graduation	
Saturday 6/01	Graduation Reception at Church	
Sunday 6/02	Worship	9:00 am & 5:30 pm

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	9:00 Jill Hanson
USHERS	9:00 Chris Hanson, John Johnston, Shannon Visser & Dick Hagen
ACOLYTES	Taylor Amsden & Tyler Amsden
ALTAR GUILD:	Katie Bahl & Sue Erickson

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

Mike Abrahamson – Bobbi & Tim

Lane Wacek – Marcella Wacek

Adam Bleck – Elaine McDowell nephew

Brandon Ochs – Altmann's friend

Tami Steffel –Family

Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother

Sandy Alton – Sharon & Dick Alton daughter

Cross of Calvary Events for May/June

May 26 – Church Services at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

May 27 – Office Closed

May 31 – BOLD School Graduation Ceremony

June 1 – Emma Thompson Graduation party at Cross of Calvary

June 2 - Church Services at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

June 7 & 8 Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls

June 8 – Haylie Garcia Graduation party at Cross of Calvary

June 9 – 21 Pastor Matt, Sarah, Leif & Bjorn will be in Norway

June 23 – Vote on Cross of Calvary Constitution after 9:00 am service

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

Copies of the Cross of Calvary Constitution have been placed in the magazine holder in Narthex. There will be a short meeting on June 23rd to vote for the approval of our Constitution. If you have any question please stop in the church office or contact Gordy Blem, Church president.

Cross of Calvary Youth

Congratulation to Olivia Hanson and Emma Thompson: they were elected to the Southwestern MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Board. It is truly an honor to be chosen to serve on the LYO board. Please congratulate them when you have a chance!!!!

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: 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/9LEdqwmlTfmT7SLp8>

Registration opens on May 8th

Coffee Hour

Summer Coffee Hour (Hosts needed) sign up on "The Board" and thank you in advance!!



Community News

Olivia Kiwanis Build-A-Burger Fundraiser: Improving the lives of children one community at a time. When: Thursday, May 30th – Where: Olivia American Legion – Time: 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Free will Offering: proceeds go toward individuals and organizations focused on the youth and elderly in our surrounding communities.

Renville County Human Services is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foester parents to children who are in need of a home. Foster parents can be belended families, one or two parent families, retired or single. The most important aspects of fostering a child is you willingness to povidе a loving, safe and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time, share their gifts and talents and receive reimbursement for their dedication and servcie to children. It is time to share your gifts and talents and become a foster parent? Please call Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to find out more about fostering a child.

Christian Community Outreach Center

After School Enrichment Coordinator: Faith based organization seeking candidate to plan and implement activities for after school program located in Olivia. Candidate will direct service projects, train volunteers, supervise homework time, and teach morals and values through daily Jesus time. Successful candidate must have experience working with children in educational or faith setting. Hours are 2:30-6:00 M-F. Program follows BOLD School calendar. Send cover letter and resume listing 3 references to Christian Community Outreach Center, 815 E Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277. Closing date, July 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition Message



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

It's time we all get it right.



May 26, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER



HYMN OF THE WEEK

I've Got Peace like a River

Jesus gives peace that is like no other.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Live in peace
Saturday	Psalm 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **John 14:27 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, lead us away from the contentment that the world wants to offer to the true source of peace and love, which is faith in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, on us to rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to us, and bless us and make the Lord's face to shine on us. (Psalm 67:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What is something that is stressful for you?
- ☑ Where is a place you experience peace?
- ☑ As discussed in John 14:27, how is the worldly peace of personal safety, wealth, and privilege a false peace?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:23-29.

This text links Jesus, his Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit with love and peace, a peace that is unique to the world. The Roman Empire promoted the Roman peace, but it was based on abusive power, fear, and control. In Acts 16:9-15 Lydia and the other women were in prayer by the river outside of the imperial city of Philippi, probably because it was not safe to trust the Roman peace in town, especially for those who worshiped God. Some political leaders and movements thrive on fear and division to keep power and loyalty. Not so with Jesus whose kingdom casts out fear. It is hard to love others if you fear them. Living in a world that promotes fear, it is not enough to remember Jesus' words from the past. Jesus promises to give us the Holy Spirit, to bring us Jesus' very life and message, a power that moves followers from anxiety of threats to peace and from fear to love. It is no wonder that the resurrected Jesus says, "Peace be with you," to his disciples and leads us to offer the same peace to others. Think of some things that stress you in daily life. Respond to those fears and anxieties by praying the prayer below:

Pray: **Come Holy Spirit; give me the peace that Jesus gives. Turn my troubled heart and my fears into faith and trust in you, my loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SERVICE

In response to God opening her heart to faith in Jesus, Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). Recognizing this milestone moment in her life, she invited Paul and others to stay in her home. Significant milestones in our lives are important. Marking faith milestones nurtures peace and love as we travel on our faith journeys. This week take time to recognize a faith milestone in your life, or one of a family member, or friend. Invite them to your home or send them a card to remember this occasion.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Numbers 6:24-26 is a traditional benediction many recognize, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Psalm 67 is very similar. A benediction is a prayer offering God's help and protection. It means "good word" and is also called a blessing. This week practice a ritual blessing every night before closing your eyes: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us** (Psalm 67:1).