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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.

Church news

July 14 – July 21

Sunday 7/14	Services	9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday 7/15	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Cooking Club	
Tuesday 7/16	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 7/17	Summer Stretch	8:30 – 3:30
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm
	Sunday Superintendent Mtg.	4:30 pm
Thursday 7/18	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
Friday 7/19		
Saturday 7/20	Wedding off site	
Sunday 7/21	Worship	9:00 am & 5:30 pm

JULY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	9:00	Elaine McDowell
USHERS	9:00	Mark Thiesse, Randy Marguth, Clayton Erickson & Curt Schroer
ACOLYTES		Taylor Amsden & Tanner Amsden
ALTAR GUILD:		Sandy Gay & Cheryl Mallak

Please, please pick up your pans!! They are on the cart by "The Board", if you are unable to come to church service – stop in anytime during the week. Thank You!! Pans will be given to ACTS at the end of July!

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

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

Tami Steffel –Family

Autumn Stryker – Family and friends

Sister Neva – Angie Boen's sister

Ione Parsons – Gladie Hagen sister

Elaine Julius - Friends

Briar Lippert – son of Jay & Heidi Lippert

Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother

Sandy Alton – Sharon & Dick Alton daughter

Barb Gomarko – Mark & Pam Olson

Bev Beckman – Friend of the Blem's

Rosalie Sheggeby – Friends

Steve Palmer – Jeff Keltgen

Cross of Calvary Events for July

July 10 – 24: Summer Stretch (Wednesday from 8:30am -3:30 pm)

July 15 – Cooking Club using Kitchen

July 17 – Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

July 20 – Wedding off site

July 29 – Outreach Meeting at 5:30 pm

Cross of Calvary Youth

Summer Stretch: Starts on Wednesdays: July 10th and goes through July 24th. Valleyfair will be Aug. 1st.

Mark your calendar!!

Confirmation Retreat will be August 21st. For those going into 10th Grade. More info. to follow.

Incoming 7th Grade Confirmation retreat will be on Thursday, August 15th. A letter is being sent to you with all the details.

Community News

United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 17th from 5-7 pm. Menu: BBQ's, Hotdogs, Beans, Potato chips, pickles, watermelon, ice cream sundaes, pies and beverage

Caregiver Dementia Support Group: Make new friends. Learn new techniques, get insight into bizarre behaviors. Ongoing meeting will be held the first Thursday of every month. Facilitators: Jen Erickson and Tara Wertish. Time: 1 – 2 pm at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church. Please contact us with questions 218-770-8988 or 320-522-1096

Renville County Historical Society is having wonderful events throughout the summer. Please check the East entrance for their flyers.

Ecumenical service at Nester Park. July 22nd, supper will be served at 5:30 pm, service at 6:04 pm, followed by a Concert from 6:30 – 7:04

Rachel Kurtz will be performing. Bring a chair and come hear her wonderful talents! Cross of Calvary is collecting money to help defer the cost of the concert. If you would like to donate (any amount) please drop off your donation in the church office. Thanks!

Cross of Calvary Financial Information for General Funds

Per month – General Funds Only

	<u>Disbursement</u>	<u>Received</u>
January	\$20,196.00	\$18,072.00
February	\$19,505.00	\$14,707.00
March	\$23,153.00	\$24,247.00
April	\$25,970.00	\$21,123.00
May	\$20,298.00	\$15,436.00
June	<u>\$21,077.00</u>	<u>\$18,362.00</u>
	\$130,199.00	\$111,947.00

Behind about \$18,252.00

Approved Budget for 2019 \$242,270.00

Cross of Calvary Men's Group is looking for donations for Summer Coffee Hours. If you are interested in donating bars, cookies, muffins or anything to serve: please label the items "Coffee Hour" and place in the freezer by the coffee machine. (Remember to put the date of your donation)



This time is a wonderful way to visit with other members of our fabulous church family.

Thank you!!!

(Men's group will be serving, but everyone is welcome to help!!)

Meal on Wheels – July

Thank you volunteers!



Congratulations to Olivia Hanson for being selected as the LYO President!!!!

July 14, 2019 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Show mercy to your neighbor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Colossians 1:1-14	A prayer of thanks
Wednesday	Genesis 39:6-23	God protects Joseph
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against favorites
Friday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Saturday	Psalms 25	A prayer for guidance
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He [The lawyer] said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:36-37 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace, for the sake of your goodness, take our fears, prejudices, and hate and fill our hearts with mercy and our actions with deeds of love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, for this food, your praises we shout! We ask for your help for those without. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you strength to endure all things and to live with joy and thanksgiving. (Colossians 1:11-12)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ▣ What does it mean to show mercy to someone?
- ▣ Is it easier to show mercy or judge a person's actions? Why?
- ▣ Why is it sometimes easier to show mercy and understanding to a family member or friend than to someone we do not know?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Our world is full of judgment and condemnation for people who are different from us. We hear it in the news daily. One nation condemns another nation. One group of people shows hate to another group. It can be so easy to belittle others, see them in a negative light and feel justified in our superiority. What often gets missed is the fear of others that justifies human hate of others. Without saying, "Have no fear" or, "Peace be with you," as Jesus says at other times, here Jesus tells a story of a hated (at least by many Jews of Jesus' day) Samaritan who defies hate-filled stereotypes of him and acts with mercy. The Samaritan acts with courage and compassion and takes real initiative to provide for the needs of another. He demonstrates what Jesus means by being a neighbor: prejudices are set aside; fears are overcome; compassion and mercy win the day. It has been said that the greatest act the church can show is not an act of righteous judgment but an act of mercy. Where might God be leading you to show mercy to others today?

Pray: **Merciful God, you who forgive our sins and give us new life, lead us in love to live lives of courage and faith and to care for those around us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

SERVICE

Being a good neighbor means caring for others both in good times and bad times. If you have not met or even know your nearby neighbors, they are strangers. Can you name everyone in your own neighborhood? How would you know when they need a helping hand if you do not know them? Consider ways to introduce yourself this week through an act of kindness to the neighbors you do not know.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 25 guides us in understanding how to live in a relationship with God, one that is filled with promises. Faith practices we do in our homes strengthen our relationships with one another and with God. One faith practice is to read scripture daily. Read Psalm 25 and circle those words or phrases that guide you to a personal, trusted relationship with God.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 – 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 – 2:00pm

May vary in the summer

BUILDING HOURS

Monday –Thursday

8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday - Sunday

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
