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August 11, 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.

Church news

August 11 – August 18

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| Sunday 8/11 | Services | 9:00 am & 5:30 |
| Monday 8/12 | Library reserved | 6:00–8:00 |
| Tuesday 8/13 | Men's Bible Study | 6:15/7:00 |
| Wednesday 8/14 | Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday 8/15 | Women's Bible Study | 8:15 am |
| | 7 th Grade Confirmation Retreat | 9-6 |
| | 7 th Grade Parent meeting | at 6:30 pm |
| Friday 8/16 | | |
| Saturday 8/17 | | |
| Sunday 8/18 | Worship | 9:00 am & 5:30 pm |

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

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| COMMUNION: | 9:00 | Laurence Stratton |
| USHERS | 9:00 | Curt Sather, Chet Boen, Wally Stucke and Craig Gartner |
| ACOLYTES | | Nicolas Serbus |
| ALTAR GUILD: | | Amanda Malvin & Angela Cole |

Basketball backboard: Cross of Calvary members, we are in need of replacing the backboard on the east side of the church. If anyone is interested in taking on this project, please give the office a call at 320-523-1574 or email crossofcalvary@gmail.com
Thank You!

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



Invite a Neighbor to Worship!

At Cross of Calvary, God fills our cups to overflowing. If you bring a neighbor (everyone is our neighbor in Christ) to worship Sept 8 or 15, you will receive a Cross of Calvary travel tumbler!

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

Luella Norberg – Lynnette Blem's mother

Ilsa, Sigred & Calvin Wiger – Grandchildren of Sheldon & Lynn Wiger

Patricia Swanson – Ken Z. sister

Briar Lippert – son of Jay & Heidi Lippert

Evelyn Noel – Chet Boen's sister

Marlin Hanson – Maureen Hanson

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 August

- August 14th - Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm
- August 15th - 7TH Grade Confirmation Retreat 9-6 pm
- August 21st - 10TH Grade Confirmation Retreat 1-9 pm
- August 24th - Bridal Shower for Ashley Roach
- August 26th - Outreach Meeting at 7:30 pm
- August 28th – Sunday school teachers meeting at 7:30 pm

Cross of Calvary Youth

Confirmation Retreat will be August 21st. For those going into 10th Grade. Information mailed

Incoming 7th Grade Confirmation retreat will be on Thursday, August 15th. A letter has been sent to family with all the details.

Community News

Open House Bridal Shower for Ashley Roach, bride to be of Jon Hawkinson. Saturday, August 24th from 9:30 – 11:30 at Cross of Calvary Church. Daughter of Bill and Ember Roach and son of Harry Hawkinson and the late Joann Hawkinson.

Retirement Party for Pastor Linda Pedersen

You are invited to celebrate what God has done through the ministry of Pastor Linda Pedersen! Pastor Linda is Sarah Hausken's mother and she served as Cross of Calvary's first Parish Worker in the 1970's. All are welcome to join her and her family at Invictus Brewing Co any time between 2-5 p.m on Sunday, August 18 where appetizers and soft drinks will be served. Memories, pictures and stories are welcome. Let your presence be your gift. If you can't be there in person, notes and memories may be sent to Pastor Linda at 10806 S. Sunset Dr. Brownton, MN 55312 or lindamarypedersen@gmail.com.

Pie and Ice Cream Social at First Lutheran Church in Renville, Wednesday August 14th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Enjoy pie & ice cream as well as Hot turkey sandwiches, salad, fresh fruit and sundaes. (Schwans ice cream)

Annual Butterfly Release: Renville County Hospice invites you to attend on Wednesday August 21st at 7:00 pm at Renville County Hospital. Please invite you famly and friends.

Trevor Berger Cancer Warrior Benefit: Sunday, August 25th from 11 am to 2 pm. Atwater Community Center. See poster on board for more information.

Cross of Calvary Financial Information **for General Funds**

Per month – General Funds Only

| | <u>Disbursement</u> | <u>Received</u> |
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| 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 |

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!!)



**August 11th, 2019
Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost**



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Our God is the God of hope and promise.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 12:32-40 | Seek treasures in heaven |
| Monday | Genesis 15:1-6 | God's covenant with Abram |
| Tuesday | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | The meaning of faith |
| Wednesday | James 2:14-26 | Faith without works is dead |
| Thursday | Romans 1:8-17 | The power of the gospel |
| Friday | 1 Timothy 6:11-19 | The good fight of faith |
| Saturday | Psalm 33:12-22 | Trust only in God |
| Sunday | Luke 12:49-56 | Following Jesus causes division |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust the assurances you give us that we may lead lives of conviction shaped by your kingdom of grace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you for filling our bodies with food and our hearts with trust in you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love be upon you and give you hope. (Psalm 33:22)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What does it mean when someone promises to do something for you?
- ☑ What is something you hope for? How is faith like hope?
- ☑ How does hope in God's promises give you strength and courage for each day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:32-40.

In Luke you have the heart of God's care expressed directly and simply on the lips of Jesus: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (v. 32). It is immediately followed by strong marching orders: sell what you have and give to the poor; be ready for action; don't be in the dark; be alert because you don't know when the Son of Man is coming. Clearly, these words are not cause for fear, but for readiness for life in the kingdom. We are part of God's "little flock" that is cared for with abundant hope and promise from God. What more can we ask for? This life of faith does not lead to complacency but action, including the action of giving what you have to others. Doing that places your heart squarely in the kingdom because where your treasure is—where you invest your wealth—shapes your heart to be loyal to that cause (v. 34). When you want to feel the love of God in your heart, you give to causes consistent with Mary's description of God who "lifted up the lowly; he . . . filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52b-53). In what ways can you give your treasure and have your heart renewed?

Pray: God of hope and promise, we thank you for your words of comfort and assurance and for your words of action that celebrate life in your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

In James 2:14-26 we learn that faith without works is dead and that works without faith is also dead. If you have not as yet seen the movie *Amazing Grace*, make time to do so—it illustrates how a person of faith, William Wilberforce, was used by God to change the world for the better! Who have been examples of faith through their actions to you? Write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 12:35, Jesus told his followers to be dressed for action and have their lamps lit to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party. Gather a candle for each member of your family. When you sit down for meals this week, light the candles and say these words:

Leader: Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning.



Cross of Calvary

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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
