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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

August 18 – August 25

Sunday 8/18	Services	9:00 am & 5:30
Monday 8/19	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Kitchen used in the evening	
Tuesday 8/20	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 8/21	10 th Grade Confirmation Retreat	1-9
Thursday 8/22	Women's Bible Study	8:00 am
Friday 8/23		
Saturday 8/24	Bridal Shower for Ashley Roach	
	9:30 -11:30 (Open House)	
Sunday 8/25	Worship	9:00 am & 5:30 pm

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

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

Autum 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 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
September 4th – Confirmation Meeting for Parents & students 6:30
(Bring calendar to sign up for meal, Clickers & acolyte)
September 8th – Rally Sunday
September 11th - Confirmation starts 5:30 meal/6:30 class
September 15th – God’s Work “our Hands” Sunday

Cross of Calvary Youth

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

Community News

Thanksgiving is worth celebrating any time of year! St. John’s Catholic Church in Hector is hosting a Turkey Commercial Supper on September 4, 2019. We will be serving in our parish hall from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Take-outs will also be available at this time. The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, cranberries, pickles, beverage and pumpkin bars. Cost is \$ 9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-10. All are invited!

ELCA Sanctuary Resolution: This document explains our churches mission on Immigration <https://www.ntnl.org/elca-churchwide-2019-sanctuary-declaration/> It is a very good read about what ELCA is doing.

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. Brownnton, MN 55312 or lindamarypedersen@gmail.com.

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 Informatio 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	\$21,077.00	\$18,362.00
July	<u>\$17,213.00</u>	<u>\$24,271.00</u>
	\$147,412.00	\$136,218.00

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)





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

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

August 18th, 2019 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of Grace and God of Glory

The gospel brings division, not just peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29–12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	The reign of Manasseh
Thursday	Matthew 24:15-27	The desolating sacrilege
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-39	Encouragement and warning
Saturday	Psalm 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!” Luke 12:51 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us the courage to face hostility with peace and conviction that comes from following Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, strengthen us with this food to be your people of faith and good courage. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our Lord Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, fill you with joy and good courage. (Hebrews 12:2)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ▣ What happens when you disagree with someone?
- ▣ When you feel stressed from conflict, how do you handle it?
- ▣ How does your faith help you to face conflict in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:49-56.

We love to say to others, especially our children, “Jesus loves you.” Yes, this is true. However, the Jesus who loves us stands for something opposed to the world that is filled with sin and destructive forces. The love Jesus brings is a powerful love that does not tolerate sin, death, and the devil. To follow Jesus means turning ones back on ruinous and unfaithful ways, and that leads to the demise of some relationships, even in one’s own home. To be a Christian means not being any other religious identity. That means for some homes and some relationships that a Christian will not be accepted. Christians, even today are on occasion shunned from their own families. Christians are called upon to reject behaviors and creeds that speak against God’s reign of forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation. Jesus knows this and repeatedly the church has to learn this. The present times—whether in Jesus’ day or ours—require us to read the events around us and to know that God’s kingdom will not accept the powers of the world that lead to domination, control, hate, and death. Thanks be to God for that. What relationships have you encountered that are strained because of your faith in Jesus?

Pray: Almighty and merciful God, help us to trust the power of peace and love that will not accept the powers of sin and death, through Christ our Lord, amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 82:2-4 is a plea for justice. Justice is treating others fairly and showing respect.

Christian service honors the God of mercy who lifts up the lowly. Who is it that you can lift up this week with an act of kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Hebrews 11-12, we are surrounded by a “cloud of witnesses.” These are faithful people in our lives who guided us in our faith lives. Fill a bowl with cotton balls to symbolize clouds. Remove one at a time and as you do so, name a person, current or past, who has helped strengthen you in your life of faith. Draw a circle on a sheet of paper and write your name in the center of the circle. Place each cotton ball you have removed somewhere on the circle. Place this sheet in a visible place this week as a reminder you are always surrounded by God’s love