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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.



September 15 – September 22

Sunday 9/15	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	“God’s Work, Our Hands” Potluck	
	Sunday school starts at 9:30 am	
Monday 9/16	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 pm
Tuesday 9/17	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday 9/18	WOW 3:15 – 5:00 pm	
	Confirmation	
	Mission Meeting at 5:30 pm	
	No Theology on Tap	
	Council Meeting at 7:30	
Thursday 9/19	Breakfast Club at 7:07 am	
	Women’s Bible Study at 8:15 am	
Friday 9/20		
Saturday 9/21	Worship at 5:30 pm	
	Pastor Matt – Officiating a wedding away!	
Sunday 9/22	Calla Gilson will be giving the sermon	

September 29 – Altar Guild Meeting at 7:00 pm

Basketball backboard: Is anyone able to give the church office an estimate on what the backboard will cost? I have a group that is looking into donating the money, but would like to know the cost.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Dana Boen 10:30 – Reggie Lothert
USHERS	8:30 – Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Dan Amberg & Jordan Amberg 10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Craig Gartner
ACOLYTES	8:30 - Jack Gross & Kenna Henriksen 10:30 – Bjorn Hausken & Kenzie Visser
CLICKER	5:30 PM - 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM -
ALTAR GUILD:	Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish



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 15, you will receive a Cross of Calvary travel tumbler!

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.

A note about Cross of Calvary Confirmation Class

Confirmation students will be studying Genesis chapter 3. It is commonly known as “The Fall”. If you are interested in learning more, come Wednesday night at 6:30. At 7 Pastor Matt will lead a small group in the sanctuary digging further into this topic.

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.



Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother
Rosalie Sheggeby – friends & family
Bev Beckman – Gordy & Lynnette Blem
Luella Norberg – Gordy & Lynnette Blem
Kathy Brown – Family and Friends
George Adkins – Betsy Hennen’s father
Marvin Balgaard – Joanne Balgaard brother in law
Ron Balgaard – Joanne Balgaard brother in law
Corinne Skogen – Gladie Hagen niece

Ione Parsons – Gladie’s sister
Barb Gomarko - Friends
Jim Ebbers – Sam Zeitz father

Cross of Calvary Events for September

September 15th – God’s Work “our Hands” Sunday
September 18th – Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm
September 19th – Women’s Bible study starts again at 8:15 am Thurs.
September 23rd – Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 pm at Parkview
September 25th – Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am at church
September 27th – Fellowship Hall used in the evening
September 28th – Wedding at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary Youth

Parents with students in 3rd Grade: remember to contact the office for which date your child will be attending the Bible Study class. (Either September 29th from 11:45-1:00 or October 1st 6-7 pm) Thank You!

Cross of Calvary Coffee Hour Schedule will be out soon. This involves students/families in Grades K – 12.



Confirmation Meals for September

September 18 – Morse & Stratton

September 25 – Visser & Stovern

Community News

VFW Breakfast: Sunday, September 22 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Serving: pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy. Adults are \$10.00, under 12 is \$6.00 and under 5 free. At the American Legion Post 186, Olivia, MN

Aasen Family Support Event: This event is for Ivy Johnson's (former member and daughter of Bernie & Faye Johnson) husband who has been diagnosed with Usher Syndrome Type 2A – please see flyer for more information if you would like to support the family.

Hope Pregnancy Center's: Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising

Banquet: Monday, September 23rd at Willmar Conference Center – see board for more information

St. Aloysius Church in Olivia invites you to join us on Sunday, October 13, 2019 for our annual Fall Festival. Our event begins with Mass at 10:00 am. Continue your day with a homemade fried chicken dinner that includes mashed potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, coleslaw, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert and beverage served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00 for adults or take-outs and \$6.00 for children 10 & under.

Adult Grief Support: Carris Health Redwood Clinic from Oct. 7 – Nov. 11, 2019. Time: 2-4 pm, more information on east entrance board.



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

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday school – 9:30 – 10:20 am

September 15th, 2019
Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Awesome God

God pursues the lost.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Thursday	Acts 26:12-18	Paul's conversion
Friday	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Renewal of Israel
Saturday	Psalm 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' " **Luke 15:6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you who pursue the lost with love and mercy, give us the joy of being found and redeemed through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord God, fill our hungry hearts with joy for your mercy and steadfast love as you fill our bodies with this food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord create in you a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within you. (Psalm 51:10)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Talk or think about a time you or someone you know has been lost.
- ☑ Tell or think about a time you lost something and then found it.
- ☑ In Luke 15, the Pharisees and the scribes cannot express joy that Jesus has found the lost, the “sinners and tax collectors.” Why do you think this is?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 15:1-10.

Sinners and tax collectors show interest in Jesus. They want to listen to him. Jesus, by welcoming them and eating with them shows acceptance of them. In the words of 1 Timothy, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1:15). This baffles the religious leaders, the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus points out that what it should bring is joy. He says, “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (v. 10). God pursues us like a shepherd seeking a lost sheep or a poor widow seeking a lost coin. We are the lost sinners who have been found by God’s pursuit. Instead of being disappointed by God’s extravagant love, instead of being baffled by the lost being found, let us give thanks to God for the power and desire of God to save sinners and the joy that comes with being found by God’s love and mercy. Does it bring you joy to know you are the lost who has been found, the sinner who has been saved? Explain.

Pray: **Merciful God, help us to recall our great need and your great love that reaches out to us again and again, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus gives us strength to do our work and serve him. Paul writes, “he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service” (1 Timothy 1:12b). Paul’s life was changed because of God’s grace. In what ways do we respond to God’s saving grace through service and acts of kindness towards others? How do these acts of kindness change us? How do they change others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Psalm 51:10 the image of a clean heart is used to ask for God’s forgiveness. Sin and doing wrong can hurt others. We are all guilty of sin. Read Psalm 51:1-10 and circle all the words that have to do with cleaning: cleanse, clean, wash, etc. and write the word “confession” in the margins. Take a bar of soap and use a pencil or knife (a plastic knife will work) to trace a heart on the bar of soap. Carve out the shape of the heart. When you use the heart to wash your hands, say: **Create in me a clean heart, O God** (Psalm 51:10a), as a daily reminder of confession in your home.