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September 22, 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.

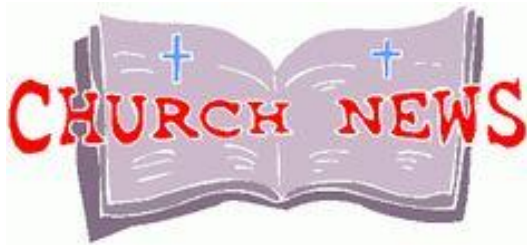
Children in Church

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.



September 22 – September 29

Sunday 9/22	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday school starts at 9:30 am	
Monday 9/23	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 pm
	Ruth Bible Study at Parkview 1:30 pm	
Tuesday 9/24	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday 9/25	WOW 3:15 – 5:00 pm	
	Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am (church)	
	Confirmation	
	1st Communion Class at 3:15 pm	
	Theology on Tap	
Thursday 9/26	Breakfast Club at 7:07 am	
	Women's Bible Study at 8:00 am	
	Movie: War Room, all are Welcome!!	
Friday 9/27	Grooms dinner – Fellowship hall	
Saturday 9/28	Worship at 5:30 pm	
	Wedding – Johnson/Anderson	
Sunday 9/29	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Altar Guild Meeting at 7:00 pm	
	3rd Grade Bible Class from 11:45-1:00	

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 – NEEDED!!!!
ALTAR GUILD:	Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish

Cross of Calvary Care Team is looking for volunteers to drive members of our church to worship service. Please sign up on the “Board” if you are able to help. Thank YOU!!



A note to all members 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.

Confirmation Meals for September

September 25 – Visser & Stovern

October 2 – Richard Sigurdson

October 9 - OPEN

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 has been sent. This involves students/families in Grades K – 12.

Basketball Backboard installment: The church is looking for a group to install the new backboard. Please contact the office if you are able to help with this project for church. 320-523-1574 or email crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Sunday School Service Project

We're going to be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on October 20. We'd love your help in collecting items for these kits. We'd like to put together at least 90 kits – one for each child in Sunday School.

- Lightweight bath sized towels
- Bath sized bars of soap
- Adult size toothbrushes
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail clippers



Details:

- Towels should be 20" x 40", dark colored and light weight, making them easier to hand wash and dry. Please do not donate heavyweight towels larger than 52" x 27"
 - Please give new items only
 - Please do not donate items with religious, patriotic or military symbols
- Kits are shipped all over the world to aid people after natural disasters, wars and armed conflicts. Recently, kits were sent to refugee camps in Angola and Lebanon.



Cross of Calvary Events for Sept. /Oct.

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

September 29th – Altar Guild Meeting at 7:00 pm

Third Grade Bible Class at 11:45 – 1:00

October 1st – Third Grade Bible Class at 6:00 – 7:00 pm

October 5th – Wedding Hawkinson/Roach

October 9th – Church Council Meeting at 7:30

October 20th – Blue Jean Sunday

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

Barb Gomarko – Friends

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

Ione Parsons – Gladie's sister

Corine Skogon – Gladie's niece

Jim Ebbers – Sam Zeitz father

Community News

Faith United Methodist Church: Olivia MN, Roast Beef Supper will be on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019. Serving from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Menu features: Roast Beef, Real Potatoes, Homemade gravy, buttered corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Pumpkin dessert & Beverage. Cost: Adults - \$12.00, Ages 5-12 \$6.00 and Preschool – free. Take out available.

Come & Go Baby Shower for mother to be Makenzie Gartner: October 5 from 10:00 – 12:00 at the CCOC. (father Craig Gartner)

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.



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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, Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday
8:30 – 8:00

Friday
8:30 – 2:00pm

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday school – 9:30 – 10:20 am

**September 22nd, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**



HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Serve God with justice for the poor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:14-17	Faith without works is dead
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love each other
Saturday	Psalm 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. **Luke 16:13 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice for the needy, help us to gladly submit to your reign and your demand for care that raises the poor from the dust. Amen. (Psalm 113:7)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food and all that you give us, blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Amen. (Psalm 113:2)

A Blessing to Give:

May the compassion and justice of God bless you and send you out with peace, love, and mercy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ▣ What is something you have received that you did not earn? Explain.
- ▣ How do you feel when someone receives something you do not think they deserve?
- ▣ The Bible speaks about justice for the “widow and the orphan,” those without social support in biblical times. Who in our society receives little social support today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 16:1-13.

In the Bible God requires a justice that shows partiality for the poor, the powerless, the disenfranchised. This understanding of justice is part of the character of God (Isaiah 30:18). As Amos 8 points out, people cheat and “trample on the needy” (v. 4). Such an injustice goes against God and God’s will. It not only hurts individuals, but it hurts the larger society because an unfair economic and social system keeps more people from thriving. The whole of society then suffers. Jesus uses the characteristics of the unjust standards of his day. It would have been assumed that the rich man in the parable charged high interest rates to his customers that the unjust steward simply reduced or erased. Jesus’ point is to commit to divine standards. Be a slave to—submit to—God’s law, God’s ways, God’s justice that will not cave in or back down. It’s not easy and we often fail at it, but with it comes true wisdom—shrewdness, in the language of the parable—and true justice, the kind that God expects, not to earn our salvation, but for the needs of our neighbors.

Pray: **Dear God, in the midst of the world’s standards that pursue self-interest, give me faith to trust you and care for others with your compassion and justice, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

SERVICE

In Biblical times, widows had very little social support. In modern times, there are more social support networks, but becoming a widow or widower can nonetheless be stressful and lead to loneliness. Do you know of someone who has lost a spouse? Invite that person to your home for a meal or take them out. Take time to listen and give the opportunity to share memories of their loved one. After your time together, keep this person in your prayers.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul writes that we should pray for everyone: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1). Prayer is a faith practice we can do daily. Decorate a small box with stickers, drawings, or with paint/markers. Use index cards or sticky notes to write a prayer each day for someone you either know or have heard or read about. Place the prayers in the box. Take time to review the prayers you have written over time and think about ways the prayers may have been answered.