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October 20, 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.



October 20 – October 27

Sunday 10/20	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday school starts	9:30 am
	Blue Jean Sunday	9:30 – 10:30 only
	(Sanctuary, Library & Narthex)	
	- No Coffee Hour – coffee only	
Monday 10/21	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 pm
Tuesday 10/22	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday 10/23	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Confirmation Banquet	6:30 pm
	1st Communion Class	3:15 pm
	Band Practice	7:30 pm
	Theology on Tap	
Thursday 10/24	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 am
	Craft Retreat	1:00 – 10:00 pm
Friday 10/25	Craft Retreat	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Saturday 10/26	Craft Retreat	8:00 am 4:30 pm
	Worship at 5:30 pm	
Sunday 10/27	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	10:30 am Service - Confirmation	

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Jill Hanson
	10:30 – Dana Boen
USHERS	8:30 – Alex Gay, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl & Bret Neubauer
	10:30 – Doug Steffel & Clayton Erickson
ACOLYTES	8:30 – Kaden Bahl & John Morse
	10:30 – Tatum Mages & McKenna Jensen
CLICKER	8:30 AM – Kaden Fischer
	10:30 AM – Bjorn Hausken
ALTAR GUILD:	Eleanor Ziesmer, Sara Benson & Sheila Pietig

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 October

October 23 – Confirmation Banquet

October 30 - Jurgensen & Serbus

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for October

October 20 - No Coffee hour, Blue Jean Sunday

October 27 - Cory & Skye Hebrink
Ryan & Kelsie Aeikens
Ryan & Jen Blad

Message from Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition

Impaired Driving Message-Driving
safely is the trick.
Getting home is the treat!



Sunday School Service Project

Thank you to all who donated!!

Cross of Calvary Events for October

October 20th – Blue Jean Sunday – only from 9:30 – 10:30am

October 23rd – Confirmation Banquet at 6:30 pm

October 24th – 26th – Craft Retreat

October 27th – Confirmation Service at 10:30 service

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.

Family of Audrey Skeie – Eric Skeie's mother

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Neva – Angie Boen sister

Shelby Gass – Family & friends

Lucas Fischer – Brayden & Cassie Fischer son

Family of Merle Smith

Alice Wood – sister of Eleanor Ziesmer

Cleve Fults – Friend of Bruce Metteer

Luella Norberg – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Nancy Weyerhaeuser – Boen's & Altmann's

Jim Ebbers – Sam Zeitz father

Neva – Angie Boen's sister

Don Dobmeier – Leslie Adamski great grandfather

Vicki Gross – Dan Gross mother



Community News

2019 Renville County Christmas Contata: please see flyer in east entrance for practice times and performs dates.

Lutefisk/SwedishMeatball Supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo

Lake: Sunday, November 24th. Serving from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Family style Dining with take outs availble. Cost: Adults:\$15.00, Ages 5-12 \$8.00 and 4 Years & Under free.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Raymond, MN invites you to a Ham Supper on Wednesday, November 6th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Menu: Wood Roasted Ham, Potatoes/Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Dessert, Bread & Beverage. Cost: Adults \$12.00, Ages 6-11 \$6.00 and kids age 5 and under free. All take-outs are \$12.00

Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity: The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings October 15, 2019 – December 3, 2019 from 4 – 6 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-523-3451 to register.

Uffda Day at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Atwater. Saturday, November 2nd from 9 am – noon. Scandinavian Meal from 9-2 and many other activities going on, come join!!!

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

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
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

October 20, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord, Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Faith pursues God's blessings.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow
Monday	Genesis 32:22-31	God renames Jacob
Tuesday	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Paul's instruction to Timothy
Wednesday	Genesis 14:17-24	Abram blessed by Melchizedek
Thursday	Psalms 42	Longing for God
Friday	James 5:13-18	Prayer of faith
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." **Genesis 32:26 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of hope, give us strength to endure life's struggles and faith to pursue your justice and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, in your name we drink and sup: teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord protect you from this time on and forevermore.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

☑ Think of something you are trying hard to accomplish. How do you go about it?

☑ When you see something that is unfair, do you expect God to fix it? Why or why not?

☑ Faith is a gift worth pursuing with all your heart. How do you explain this?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Genesis 32:22-31.

This is an amazing story. The “man” who wrestled with Jacob was actually God (vv. 28, 30). Even more, God does not win the wrestling match, and that seems to be okay with God. God honors Jacob whose name means “trickster.” The trickster had deceived his father Isaac to unfairly gain his older brother’s inheritance and, more importantly, the blessing that goes from Abraham and Isaac and now to Jacob instead of Esau. Like the widow in Luke 18:1-8 who persistently bothers the unjust judge to get her justice, Jacob does whatever it takes to be blessed. And God so honors that determination that God gives Jacob a new name, Israel, which in this story means “you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed” (v. 28). Jacob and God’s people will now be known as Israel, a term that commends the importance of wrestling with and being persistent for God’s blessings. Yes, it is true that God is the more persistent one, but God wants us to pursue the divine blessing and pursue an active life of faith instead of a complacency that takes God’s word and righteousness for granted. How do you pursue God in your daily life of faith? How do you wrestle with God?

Pray: **God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you for honoring our wrestling with you as faithful followers, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 121:1 asks, “From where will my help come from?” The answer in the next verse is, “My help comes from the Lord.” We are God’s hands and feet in the world. When you see someone less fortunate or in need, where does their help come from? It, too, comes from the Lord with your help. Who in your life could use a helping hand? Take time to reach out to them through an act of kindness and tell them that the reason you are doing so is in response to God’s loving presence in your life.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The theme this week is God’s blessings. God blesses Jacob and King Melchizedek blessed Abram. The scripture readings also tell of the importance of prayer. In Luke 18:1, Jesus says to, “pray always and not lose heart”. When done in the home regularly, prayers and blessings help us grow in our faith. Say a prayer at every meal and at bedtime this week as a reminder to pray always. Make it a practice to bless others this week by making the sign of the cross on foreheads or hands as people leave for work or school and say the words: **May the Lord protect you.**