

**This Week at Cross of Calvary: April 29-May 6**

**29 Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:30am Worship/Baptism  
9:30am Sunday School / Coffee Hour

**01 Tuesday**  
6:15, 7:00am Men's Bible Study-Church

**02 Wednesday**  
9:00am Men's Bible Study @ Parkview  
7:00pm Altar Guild Meeting

**03 Thursday**  
7:07am Breakfast Club

**05 Saturday**  
9:00-4:00 FH reserved – Girl Scouts  
5:30pm Vespers/ Communion

**06 Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:30am Worship/Communion  
9:30am Sunday School / Coffee Hour

**May**  
11 Flower Pick up/Bake Sale/Meal 4:30-7:30  
12 Flower Pick up/Bake Sale 8:00-10:00am  
16 Committee Meetings/Council Meeting  
17 Thursday Evening Worship begins!  
19 Wedding  
20 Senior Recognition  
28 Office Closed – Memorial Day

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday- noon.**  
523-1574 or [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

**Website: [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)**

**Table Prayer for the Week**

Gracious heavenly Father, we give you thanks for giving to us our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. May we continually turn towards him as our savior. May you send us out to be a witness of our Good Shepherd. Bless now the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us for service in your name. Amen.

**Prayer**

**MILITARY – (listed until notified of their return)**  
Carolyn Wertish-Heiser, Todd Hammerschmidt, Paul Plumley, Joshua Keyser and Jake Dillon

**PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH**

Jeff Holmer [K. Erickson]  
Diana Adkins [B Hennen]  
Jim Plumley [C Plumley]  
Nikki Gleasner [M Hanson]  
Chet Boen [Boen family]  
Madison Travers [K Barta]  
Christie Engelman [S Grasmon]  
Julie Mitchell [W Stucke]  
Gina Wog [L Schultze]  
Megan Buysse [S Kubesh]  
Chuck & Connie Grewe [V Mittlestadt]  
Judy Januszewski & family [S Pietig]  
David Wohnoutka [K Barta]  
Merrilee Weber [L Schultze]  
Al Engstrom [S Erickson]  
Kathy More [S Alton]  
Robert Murphy [S Alton]  
Pete Fostervold [S Malecek]  
Mike Bruns [Brown family]

**Praise**

- **Welcome Kaydence McQuin Meints**, daughter of Kenneth and Lisa Meints. Baptized on April 22.

**Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:**

- **Please gain permission.**
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer page at our website - [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

**Match the Carpet—fund raiser! As of this publication, we have met 30% of the Balcony Goal!!!** Keep watching us shade in the square yards as donations come in! When adding your support for this fundraiser to your regular giving, simply designate as follows: *Regular offering \$ \_\_\_ and Carpet Fund \$ \_\_\_*

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED.**

Please consider offering your time to assist with worship – usher, reader, communion assistant, special music, run the screen

**MAY Altar Guild**—K van der Hagen, S Kubesh, S Padrnos

**Communion Assts.**  
May 6 & 20 8:30 – J Grund 10:30 – N Serbus  
**Readers**  
MAY 6 8:30 - T Gay 10:30- M Thiesse  
MAY 13 8:30 - 10:30  
MAY 20 9:00 – Seniors  
MAY 29 9:00 -

**Acolytes**  
APR Mitchell Crow Evan Janson  
MAY Justin Rock Connor Weber

**APR Ushers**  
8:30am - E Skeie, J Skeie, L Fahse, R Fahse  
10:30 am – Steve & Sue Altmann Family

**MAY Ushers**  
8:30am - C Hanson, B Prokosch, W & A Ensetvedt  
10:30 am – D Torgelson, K/D Flom, P Amberg, C Gluesing

**Tech Team**  
APR 29 8:30 - J Steffel 10:30- C Lund  
MAY 6 8:30 - S Erickson 10:30- K van der Hagen  
MAY 13 8:30 - N Wertish 10:30 - C Lund  
MAY 20 9:00 - L Schultze  
MAY 27 9:00 -

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER LIST is posted on the BOARD. May-Aug**

**CHURCH HOURS through May 13**

Monday 8:30a – 7:00p  
Tuesday 8:30a – 5:00p  
Wednesday 8:30a – 7:00p  
Thursday 8:30a – 5:00p  
Friday 8:30a – 5:00p  
Saturday and Sunday 8:00a – 5:00p

Craig Boen  
522-0266  
Laurie Schultze  
522-1199

**OFFICE HOURS through May 25**

Monday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Tuesday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Wednesday 8:30am – 7:00pm  
Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am – 2:00pm

**Altar Guild Meeting (change) May 2, at 7pm**

**THANK YOU** to the Men's Group for their generosity. The youth who signed up for camp will attend for free! What a blessing. Thanks to all who attended the Men's Group fund raisers – Spaghetti Supper and Lent Soup Supper.  
–The Cross of Calvary Youth and Families

**CHURCH EVENTS:** Please post events on the bulletin boards and not on walls, wood or windows. Thank you. Note: a new bulletin board will be installed in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen door.

**NOTE: The COMMUNITY BOARD** is available for all event notices. Please do not post notices to walls, wood or windows. Thank you.

**The SUMMER WORSHIP reminder!** Forming a new habit takes time...and probably a few reminders. Several people have asked if the office would send out email reminders for Thursday worship. Certainly! We will send out an email on Thursday morning. Please let Laurie know you'd like to receive the reminder and which email address to use. Just drop a request to her at [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com) to get on the group list.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**July 30-Aug 2**

**West Central Singers Spring Concert:** Sun, May 6 4:00pm at Bethel Lutheran Church—411 Becker Ave SW, Willmar MN. Tickets: \$8 adults/ \$5 students, available at the door. **IN LIFE AND IN DEATH WE BELONG TO GOD** – Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful choral music, featuring beloved folk songs, hymns and spirituals, and capped off by John Rutter's Requiem. West Central Singers is directed by John D. Jahr

**THANK YOU:** To all who helped and supported us in so many ways during Denny's walk with cancer. You made a difference, and we are grateful.  
–The family of Denny Balgaard

Spring/Summer Facility Hours  Beginning May 14	Monday	8:30	7:00
	Tuesday	8:30	7:00
	Wednesday	8:30	7:00
	Thursday	8:30	8:00
	Friday	8:30	2:00
	Saturday	8:30	2:00
	Sunday	8:30	2:00

Men's Bible Study 6:30am


Spring/Summer Office Hours  Beginning May 29	Monday	8:30	4:30
	Tuesday	8:30	4:30
	Wednesday	8:30	4:30
	Thursday	8:30	4:30
	Friday	8:30	2:00
	Saturday		
	Sunday		

**SUMMER WORSHIP** begins May 17  
Thursday evening at 7pm  
Sunday morning at 9am

**We are family...**  
Look for the Cross of Calvary Ministry Descriptions in the FOLLOWER and in the Bulletins in May.

- fill out the Volunteer Interest survey.
- drop it in the offering plate, leave it in the office, or mail to 1103 W Chestnut Ave.

Want to take it online???? Laurie will be sending it out on May 1<sup>st</sup> to those for which she has current email addresses. In just a few quick clicks, you will be done!



**Spring Fling Event**  
At Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
1103 Chestnut, Olivia MN  
Friday, May 11 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 12 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.



**Plant Sale**  
Huge Hanging Baskets - \$20.00  
8" Potted Geranium - \$15.00  
12" Potted Geranium - \$25.00  
4pks - \$2.00  
Marigolds, Petunia's  
Tomatoes, Green Peppers

**National Gathering Meal**  
Fri. May 11 4:30 – 7:30  
Free Will Offering  
BBQ's, chips, pickles,  
Strawberry salad, bar  
and a beverage

**Bake Sale both days**  
Cookies, breads,  
bars and other  
yummy treats!



**YOUTH and FAMILIES:** Workers and Food donations are needed for the Spring Fling– please see the sign-up sheets on the Youth Board.

**TO ALL:** We are also hosting a bake sale during the Spring Fling and are needing goodies for that. They can be dropped off at the church any time before noon on Friday.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: 

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The good shepherd
Monday	Genesis 48:8-19	God has been my shepherd
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	The shepherd David made king
Wednesday	Mark 14:26-31	Christ, the suffering shepherd
Thursday	Micah 7:8-20	God will shepherd the people
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-5	Christ, the chief shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 95	We are the sheep of God's hand
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Christ, the vine

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep." **John 10:14-15 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus our good shepherd, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Good shepherd of your sheep, thank you for our daily keep. You give us reason to rejoice, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In your life, whom do you trust? Whom do you listen to? Why?
- Jesus calls himself our "good shepherd." What does a shepherd do? How can we know that Jesus is a good shepherd?
- How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?

DEVOTIONS:

In your home devotion time this week, play a game of "Follow the Leader." Blindfold all the followers, and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice. Read John 10:11-18 and talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the good shepherd. Adults have "sheep" that follow them as well; children notice the actions of the adults around them. Hear the words of encouragement in this poem.

*When you thought I wasn't looking ...*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt your goodnight kiss, and I felt loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I LOOKED!*

*Thank you for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking! Jesus calls his followers to be his witnesses, to share with others their faith in him (Luke 24:46-47). In your household prayer times this week, pray for relatives, friends or neighbors who do not know Jesus. Ask for God's help to share his love with them.*

SERVICE:

John 3:17 says: "If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God." Is there someone in your church family who is in need in any way? Offer your help to them and pray for them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Make Psalm 23 part of your household bedtime rituals this week. Parents, read it to and with your children as you settle them to bed. Make it your goal to memorize the Psalm with them.