**January 29, 2017**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household’s daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Almighty God,**

**Your ways are higher and better than ours. Point our hearts toward you, that the compassion of Jesus would always be our goal. In his name, Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday’s reading.

***Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”***

***Luke 6:5***

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**And so it begins: Jesus’ ongoing quarrel with the Pharisees, expert keepers of the law. What could be more frustrating than a wildly popular evangelist with a habit of making his own rules in the service of ultimate love?**

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week’s text.

**The Sabbath was made for the wellness of humanity.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday’s text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Healing on the Sabbath*, Luke 6:1-16

Monday: *Jesus Teaches and Heals*, Luke 6:17-26  
Tuesday: *Love for Enemies*, Luke 6:27-30  
Wednesday: *Love for Enemies*, Luke 6:31-38  
Thursday: *Love for Enemies*, Luke 6:39-42  
Friday: *A Tree and Its Fruit*, Luke 6:43-49  
Saturday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables,* Luke 8:1-3

**How does Jesus model love for enemies?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with “Highs” and “Lows.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What laws in your community have been created to serve people? What laws have been created for people to serve? Where are freedoms limited and where are they granted? What might you do to ensure freedom to all?**

**When and for what have you been forgiven? Was forgiveness offered unconditionally or with limitations? Have you let go of the burden of guilt or shame? How might you let go of shame and live in the unconditional forgiveness of Jesus?**

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God’s word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Pray for an enemy every day this week – not that they become better people – pray that God will bless them. At the end of the week, notice how, if at all, your attitude toward them has changed.**

**Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.**

**Love your enemies. Let your enemies love you. Amen.**

** Mission**

**Paraguay Missionaries**

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

**Bolivia Missionaries**

Paul and Jay Mikaelson

**Confirmation pictures are in,**

**stop in the office and pick up your order.**

**Prayer Concerns**

*Prayer Matters! Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.*

*Prayer concerns are listed for one month.*

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| Pray for: | *Submitted by:* | Pray for: | *Submitted by:* |
| Roger Schultes | *Gordy & Lynette Blem* | **Diana Adkins** | *B Hennen* |
| Vonna Ledeboer | *A Ledeboer* | **Jill Revolinski** | *C Mallek* |
| Jenna Reynolds | *Sue & Stan Malecek* | **Greg & Evelyn Rosenow** | *Teeny Kadelbach* |
| Leslie Sagedahl | *Daren Sagedahl* | **Caryn Jandl** | *Karen Barta* |
| Kent Kircher | *Pastor Matt* | **Warren Mitchell** | *Angela Cole* |
| Family of Jeff Daniels | *Sharon Alton* |  |  |

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 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.

**Ushers needed for the 2017 church year.**

Dates needed: April late service (2), September early services (2), October early services (2) and 1 ushers for January early service, May early service, August service, November early service. Please contact either Daren Sagedahl or the church office. Thank you for volunteering!!

**The week of Jan. 29 – Feb. 5**

Today Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

Mon Library reserved 6-8 pm

Tues Men’s Bible Study 6:15/7:00 am

Wed No WOW 3:15

No Confirmation 6:30 pm

Choir Practice

Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation

Thur Breakfast Club

Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation

Quilters

Fri Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation

Sat Worship 5:30 pm

Sun Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS**

Communion – 8:30 – Bobbi Kopel/10:30 – Eric Skeie

Altar Guild – Lynette Blem & Lowanda Frank

Acolytes – Ella Mages & Kya Young

Usher – 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Todd Gay, Brian Boen & Stan Malecek

10:30 – Corey Gluesing & Aaron Thompson

**COMMUNITY BOARD**

CHECK THE EAST BULLETIN BOARD for more information /details

**Adult Grief Support Group** beginning February 6, 2017 at the Redwood Area Hospital

**Confirmation Suppers.** Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities…hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families.

Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD. **Dates with openings: Feb. 8, 15 and 22**

Dana Boen is teaching a chair exercise class 2 times a week at Tula, located in downtown Olivia.  If you have joint issues, or problems with balance, this would be a great way to get some exercise!  Just contact Dana at [320-894-7885](tel:(320)%20894-7885) for prices and times the class is offered, or if you just have any questions.

**Super Bowl of Caring Sunday will be coming soon on February 5th. Remember to start saving your change (coins). The Youth will be collecting on Sunday, February 5th. Thank you!!!**

**February is Food Shelf month for ALL Lutherans. Cross of Calvary will be collecting food shelf items the month of February. Please bring any items you would like to donate (money is also an option, please place in a sealed envelope and mark Food Shelf) and place them in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Thank You!!!!**

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**The Spring 2017 Cross of Calvary Craft Retreat "Ordinary Joy"** will be held March 9-11. Registration forms will be available at church. The fee for the retreat will be $25. For your fee you will get a table to work on, four meals, and wonderful fellowship. Space is limited.

**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

**1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN 56277 320-523-1574**

**January 29, 2017**

**Weekly Announcements**

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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.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**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.

Changing table located in the Women’s bathroom.

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**WorshipTimes**

Saturdays: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30

**Coffee Hour**

Sunday at 9:30 am

**Sunday School**

Sunday at 9:30 am

**Building Hours**

Mon-Thurs 8:30-7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

**Our Mission**

That all may know the love of God

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Online giving is now available. Go to website listed above.

**Coming up in January/February**

**January 26-30 – Office Closed**

**February 1-3: Pastor Matt & Sue at Mid-Winter Convocation**

**February 2 – Quilters (every Thursday) at 9:00**

**February 5 – Baptism**

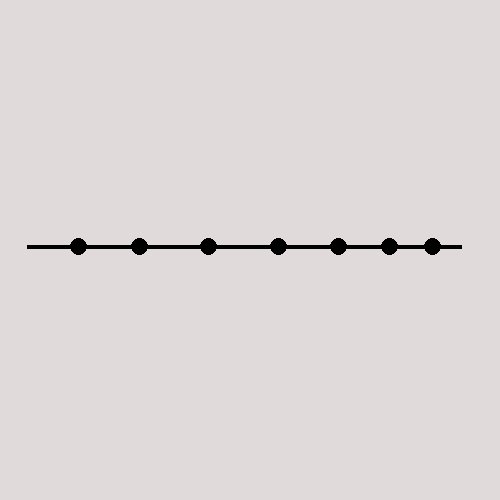
**February 14 – Synod using Fellowship Hall & Kitchen for a meeting (9:00 – 10:30 am)**

**February 15 – Council Meeting at 7:30**

**February 23 – Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30**

**February 27 – Ruth Bible Study at 1:30**

**2016 Giving Statements have been mailed, including those that were initially put into church mailboxes. Please contact Sue if you have not received on by the end of the month.**

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**Fundraising for the new sign at** **Cross of Calvary on**

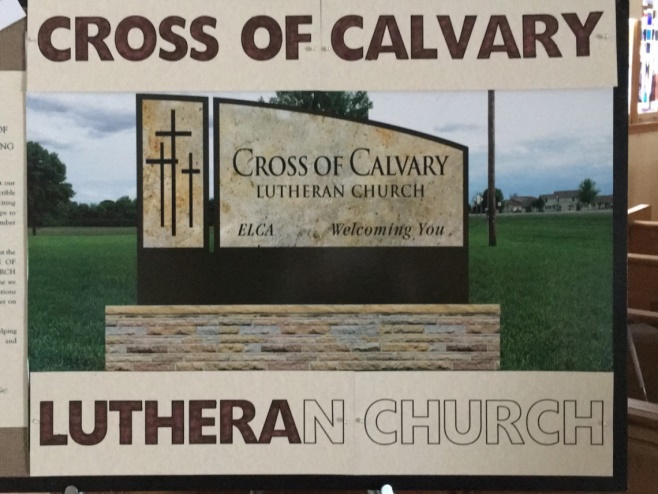
**Highways #71 are going Great!!!**

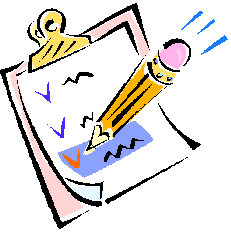
The goal is to fill all the letters on the picture below; each letter represents a $1,000.

Estimated cost: $28,500.00

WOW: we are at $23,948.00 only $4,552.00 to go!!!

Thank you!!!



**Things to remember!!!**