



WorshipTimes

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30

Coffee Hour

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Building Hours

Mon-Thurs

8:30-7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

Office Hours

Mon, Tues, and Thurs.;

8:30-3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30-2:00

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Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

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December 10, 2017



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

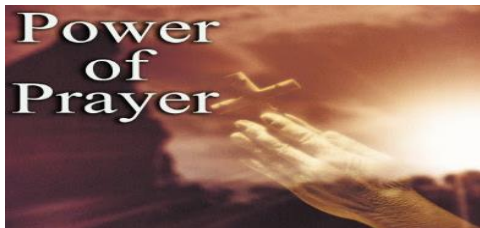
They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

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.



Prayer Concerns

Prayer Matters!

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 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.

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| *Diana Adkins | *Jill Revolinski | *Leslie Sagedahl |
| *Jenna Reynolds | *Emily Reetz | *Kent Kircher |
| *Warren Mitchell | *Barb Gomarko | *Cleve Fults |
| *Donna Greenwell | *June Lynn | *Janice Gass |
| *Family of Lone Plowman | *Mike Abrahamson | *Laura Wacek |
| *Bobbi Kopel | | |

The week of December 10-17

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
Flower on altar are in celebration of Gordy & Lynette Blem 40 th wedding anniversary		
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Jesus Justice League	3:15 pm
Wednesday	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Advent Service	7:00 pm
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Service	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School Program at the 10:30 service	

DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- COMMUNION 8:30 – Gordy Blem
 10:30 – Paul Buhr
- USHERS 8:30 – Keith Larson, Nate Bahl, David & Sue Lindquist
 10:30 – Steve & Sue Altmann
- ACOLYTES: Kiera Fischer & Allie Paulsen
- ALTAR GUILD: Sue Malecek, Jenny Evenson & Lisa Meints



Midweek Advent Worship

7:00 pm each Wednesday: December 13, and December 20. Join us in a brief half-hour time of sharing the quiet hope, waiting and preparing of the Advent season

Coming in December

- 13 Advent Service at 7:00 pm
- 16 Service at 5:30 pm
- 17 Sunday School Program at 10:30 service
- 18 Good Gifts deadline to office
Ruth Bible Study at 12:00 at Parkview (potluck)
- 20 Church Council Meeting after Advent Service
- 23 No Service
- 24 Christmas services: 9:00 am, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm
- 27 Dorcas Bible Study at 10:00 am at Masters' Coffee Shop
No After School Programs
- 30 No service
- 31 Sunday service at 9:00 am only

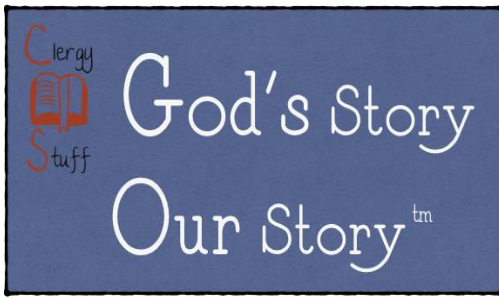
January 21st – Annual Meeting

Thrivent Choice Dollars of Cross of Calvary will match the first \$5000 donated for the west door and the parsonage boiler projects. The total cost of the projects is estimated to be \$10,800.00. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to the church for these projects.

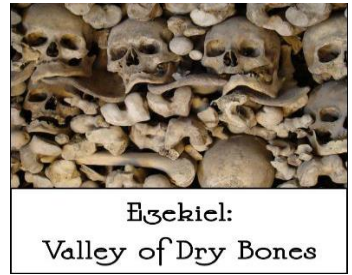
**Please consider giving to GOOD GIFTS
this holiday season!**



Give
something
unexpected
this
Christmas.



December 10, 2017



Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer. **God of promise, you have never abandoned us. Strengthen our resolve and fortify our faith in the face of despair, that we might live to sing your praises another day. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.
9Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."
(Ezekiel 37:9)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.
Yet another prophet promises God's deliverance for the exiled nation of Israel. How much longer can they take it? Ezekiel's vision must certainly be an illustration of a people desperate for life-giving breath.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.
What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? What vital part of you is dead or dying? What needs to happen for that part of you to be brought back to life?
Wonder: Was Ezekiel scared?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.
May God breathe new life into you. Amen.



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

Register to become an organ donor (your local DMV), a blood donor (Red Cross or Memorial Blood Bank), and bone marrow donor (Be The Match).



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones
Monday, Ezekiel 1:1-14, The Vision of the Chariot
Tuesday, Ezekiel 1:15-28, The Vision of the Chariot
Wednesday, Ezekiel 2:1-3:11, The Vision of the Scroll
Thursday, Ezekiel 40:1-19, The Vision of the New Temple
Friday, Ezekiel 40:20-37, The Vision of the New Temple
Saturday, Ezekiel 40:38-47, The Vision of the New Temple

Please pray for our Missionaries

Paraguay Missionaries

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson House

CHURCH and COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD or east bulletin board for more information /details

Women's Bible Study: Days to meet are Sunday at 9:30 am, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:15 am. Note in time change: October 31st the meeting time is 8:30 pm.

You are cordially invited to the annual **Norwegian language service at Calvary Lutheran** in Willmar on Friday, December 22nd, at 7:00 pm. We are having a Lillejulaften service (Little Christmas Eve) with Norwegian scripture reading, prayers, songs, and sermon. The service folder will be in Norwegian with full English translation. (Address: 302 Olena Ave, Willmar)

Family Holiday Gathering at Park View Village in Olivia, on Sunday, December 10 from 1:30 -3:30 pm

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 16, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All ages are invited to spread the joy of Christmas by caroling! The hay rack will leave church at 6:30 and return at 8:00 for hot cocoa and snacks. We'll go to Parkview, Fairview, the Nursing Home and some houses. If you have a portable instrument, please feel free to bring it. If you'd like to drive to the caroling locations, that's fine too!



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Middle School Lock In

6-8th graders are invited to join staff at Green Lake Bible Camp for a lock-in at the Chrysalis House! The plans include: door prizes, a Minute to Win It competition, tie dye and crafts, a snowman building contest, a movie, devotionals, night games, pizza and a song-fest worship. Bring your friends for a fun night at camp! - Fee: \$45 To register, contact Karen at [\(320\)796-2181](tel:3207962181) To register online, visit www.gllm.org and click on "Register for Camp" - sign in and click the retreats registration. You may access your youth account to pay for this retreat.

The Spirit of Santa's Closet: Dignity & Respect, Smiles, Happiness = Christmas Joy. Santa's Closet of Renville County welcomes all kinds of donations. See Bulletin Board in the entry way for more information. Distributions will run from Dec. 1-19.

Advent – Friends and Family

Pastor would like to include families and/or groups of friends with the lighting of the Advent candles at each Sat. & Sunday service. What a joy to see children and families and neighbors taking an active role during worship as we prepare for Christmas! Please contact Pastor or Sue for more information and to choose a date and service time.



Sharing Special Music at Christmas

If you are considering providing special music at the Sunday School Service on Dec. 17, or at the Christmas Eve service(s) on Dec. 24, please help the organist, pianist, tech people, office and Pastor with preparations. Simply fill out the form found below, or in the Follower, then submit it to office by the due date noted. Thanks!!

NAME _____

Cell /Home phone _____

Sunday School Program (Preschool – grade 12)	Christmas Eve (HS and adults)
Dec 17 10:30	Dec 24 please circle 4:30 or 9:00
The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 3	The following must be COMPLETED by – Dec 12
Your piece is selected, and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____	Your piece is selected, and you have the music in hand. YES or NO Title: _____
It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO	It is a LEGAL copy? YES or NO Do you need the church to help you obtain a legal copy? YES or NO
Are others performing with you, and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____	Are others performing with you, and it is confirmed. YES or NO Names: _____
You have contacted an accompanist, and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____	You have contacted an accompanist, and it is confirmed. YES NO NA Name: _____
Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? _____	Do you need microphones? YES or NO How many? _____
Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO	Do you need music or video run though the tech system? YES or NO
You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO	You have arranged for a rehearsal time with the accompanist and the office. YES or NO

Please notify Jill Hanson if you would like to share your talents during the Sunday School Christmas Program.



This Christmas, the Altar Guild is promoting the ELCA Good Gifts program.

What are you asking of me?

You are encouraged to join in support of long-term, sustainable solutions that nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. Make your donation in HONOR to or in MEMORY of loved ones and ensure that your good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They will keep on giving for years to come.

What about poinsettias?

This opportunity for giving is in place of purchasing poinsettias for the Altar. Have no worry, the Altar Guild will be placing a number of poinsettias around the Altar for Christmas.

My donation?

Any donation is welcomed. The amount you give will remain confidential, yet will show up on your yearly giving statement. Please make checks to Cross of Calvary.

Deadlines?

Monday, December 18, is the last day to submit a donation, because the names of those for whom you honor will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

How do I make a donation?

- Envelopes are in the church entry.
- Fill in the information on the front.
- Place your check or cash inside.
- Seal.
- Put envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door (not in the offering plate, please).

Please turn in all envelopes to the church office. Thanks!!