



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 3, 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

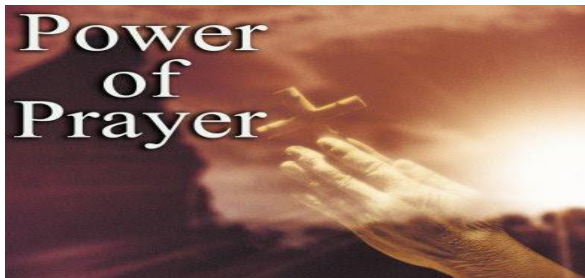
They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

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.

*Diana Adkins

*Jenna Reynolds

*Warren Mitchell

*Donna Greenwell

*Jill Revolinski

*Emily Reetz

*Barb Gomarko

*June Lynn

*Leslie Sagedahl

*Kent Kircher

*Cleve Fults

*Janice Gass

The week of December 3 - 10

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Snowflake Bazaar	9:30 -12:30
	No Coffee Hour, please join the Bazaar breakfast	
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
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

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





12-6 – WOW and Confirmation

Coming in December

- 3 Snowflake Bazaar
"Good Gifts" start
- 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
- 27 Dorcas Bible Study at 10:00 am at Masters' Coffee Shop

January 21st – Annual Meeting

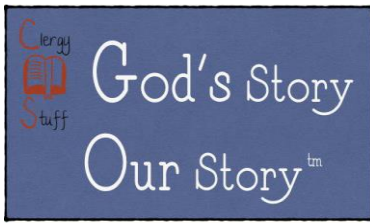
Midweek Advent Worship

7:00 pm each Wednesday: December 6, 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

Please consider giving to GOOD GIFTS this holiday season!



Give
something
unexpected
this
Christmas.



December 3, 2017

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



**Daniel:
The Fiery Furnace**



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.
**God of freedom, you are our deliverance, no matter the test.
Strengthen us with your spirit and uphold us with your love, for the sake of your Son our
Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.**



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

**²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They
disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and
worship any god except their own God." (Daniel 3:28)**



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have a hot dilemma before them: worship a
worldly king and denounce the God of Israel, or face a fiery furnace and certain death?
Fortunately for them, King Nebuchadnezzar has no idea who he's dealing with.**



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
What cultural pressures have you bowed to? What is one thing you do (or do not)
that you feel like you shouldn't (or should)?**

**Wonder: Who was in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? How did God save
them from the fire?**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God deliver you from fires that threaten to destroy. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive.

Do the following activity this week.



**Write a letter on behalf of people exiled in the world today. Go to Amnesty
International, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, or other organization dedicated to
working for justice. Learn what you can do to effect change.**



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

Sunday, Daniel 3:1, 8-30, Daniel: The Fiery Furnace

Monday, Daniel 1:1-21, Four Israelites at the Babylonian Court

Tuesday, Daniel 2:1-16, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Wednesday, Daniel 2:17-23, God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream,

Thursday, Daniel 2:24-35, Daniel Interprets the Dream

Friday, Daniel 2:36-45, Daniel Interprets the Dream

Saturday, Daniel 2:46-49, Daniel and His Friends Promoted

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

Calvary Lutheran Church of Willmar extends an invitation to its Advent Festival open house on December 3. Ours are 1-6pm Friday & Saturday and 12-4 pm n Sunday Families and people fall ages are welcomed. This year's theme is "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come. Their music I the sanctuary ad rooms decorated around the theme. End your visit with light refreshments in the fellowship hall. NO admission charge. Calvary seeks to share the joy, hope and inspiration of Christmas with all who attend.

Friends of the Arts presents: **"A Nice Family Gathering"**

December 3 matinee at 2:00 pm

It will be held at RCW Small Gym. Tickets at the door; adults \$15; students \$10

Come & enjoy!! Bring a friend!!

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.

St. Mary's CCW Theme Basket Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Evening Meal: December 2nd & 3rd at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bird Island. Bake Sale & Silent Auction are Saturday @ 3-6pm and Sunday @ 9:30-12:15, Evening meal is Saturday following Mass (Free will offering)

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.

SNOWFLAKE Bazaar Today



**CROSS OF CALVARY
23RD ANNUAL
SNOWFLAKE
BAZAAR**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

WHEN
Sunday, December 3rd
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

*Please feel free to worship with us at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE
**Cross of Calvary
Lutheran Church**
1101 West Chestnut Avenue, Olivia, MN

WWW.CROSSOFCALVARY.NET

**If you would like to donate, please contact Dana Boen:
E-mail: danaraboehn@gmail.com**

BRUNCH
\$7.00
Includes scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Rolls, Coffee & Juice

BAKE SALE
Cookies by the Dozen
Lefse
Krum Kaka
Candies & Baked Goods
Too many to mention!

**CRAFTS &
HOME DECOR**
Unique handcrafted home
décor and crafts for sale!

**RAFFLE
ITEMS**
Tickets are only \$1.00!
Tickets are available for
purchase at the event and will be
drawn the same day. Need not be
present to win.

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!!