

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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

December 31, 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.

**Offering Envelopes will be available the 1st week of January!!
Sorry for the delay!!**





Worship Times

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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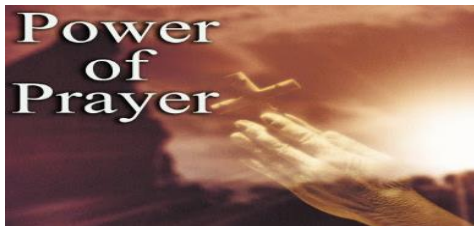
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The week of December 31 – January 7

Today	Worship	9:00 am
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
Thursday	Quilters	9:00 am
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Service	8:30 & 10:30 am



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	*Jill Revolinski	*Leslie Sagedahl
*Jenna Reynolds	*Emily Reetz	*Kent Kircher
*Barb Gomarko	*Cleve Fults	*Laura Wacek
*Donna Greenwell	*Janice Gass	*Mike Abrahamson
*Jolynda Luckey	*Bob Erickson	*Ron Hamborg
*Jen Beckler	*Audrey Skeie	

JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Jill Hanson

10:30 –

USHERS 8:30 – Greg Mertens, Trey Mertens, Bill Kopel & Jeff Keltgen

10:30 – **HELP NEEDED: 2 Ushers for the 10:30 am service in**

January!!

ACOLYTES: Jack Iverson & Noah Boen

ALTAR GUILD: Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2018 at 9:30 am

Please have all reports to the office by January 15th. Thank you!

Annual Report Committee & Financial Reports

I'm writing to make sure everyone is getting ready for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 21st.

I need the following reports from the following committees:

Committee Review Reports

Youth Board and Family Ministry

Equipping the Congregation

Outreach

Administration

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

Altar Guild

Snowflake Bazaar

Endowment Fund

Lutheran Church Men

Youth Account

Memorial Fund

I truly appreciate your cooperation in getting these reports to me by January 15th so that I have time to prepare the full packets. I would also appreciate it if whomever will be the responsible person for these reports, please email/call me so that I may be aware. That way if things come up, I'll know who to go too directly.

Thank you so very much and I anxiously wait to hear from you all. Remember, preferred deadline – January 15th.

Sue Altmann

Office Administrator



Women's Bible Study: Days to meet are Sunday at 9:30 am, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:15 am.

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.glim.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.

Food Shelf has an urgent need of additional volunteers

At least 5-6 current volunteers representing 88 volunteer hours per month are experiencing a variety of health issues that prevent them from helping at the FS or driving to get there. If any of your members would consider, as Mary Ann Lewis, FS officer said, "stand in the gaps", they may contact Mary Ann at 320-523-5339 or email: mlewis1@mediacombbb.net. It can be overwhelming to the current staff and your prayers are also asked for.

If you could present this information by announcements at church services and/or in your newsletters it would be appreciated. Volunteer's hours are flexible (some helping one/month, some once/week) and would fall into the Food Shelf Hours listed below:

Mondays: 12:45pm - 3:15pm
Tuesdays: 9:45am - 3:15pm
Wednesdays: 9:45am - 3:15pm
Thursdays: 4:45pm - 7:15pm
Fridays: 12:45pm - 3:15pm



Quilters will start the 1st Thursday in January at 9:00 am

NO TIM team tonight, Sunday, December 31, 2017



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A Voice
in the Wilderness

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 who calls us, your servant John cries out in witness to Christ. May our lives also point to and proclaim the One who has delivered us and claimed us as his own. In the name of that same Jesus, Amen.



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

23He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. (John 1:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Who is this Messiah, this long-awaited whom John is proclaiming to anyone who will listen? Who is this one who baptizes, not with water but with the Holy Spirit? Who is it? (Hint: it's not John.)



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

There are so many competing voices in our world. In what ways do celebrities (entertainers, sports figures, politicians, etc.) compete to be heard? How does their contenting affect the rest of us? How do you know whose voice to listen to?

Wonder: What was it like to live as a prophet in Jesus' day? If you were a prophet today, what would you eat? What would you wear? How would you make your voice heard?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God be the loudest voice in your head. Amen.



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

Tune out the voices of the world this week. Limit your exposure to social media, TV, and the internet. Immerse yourself in positivity, and in God's word.



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

Sunday, John 1:19-34, A Voice in the Wilderness

Monday, Psalm 32:1-2, The Joy of Forgiveness

Tuesday, Psalm 32:3-4, The Joy of Forgiveness

Wednesday, Psalm 32:5, The Joy of Forgiveness

Thursday, Psalm 32:6-7, The Joy of Forgiveness

Friday, Psalm 32:8-9, The Joy of Forgiveness

Saturday, Psalm 32:10-11, The Joy of Forgiveness

GOOD GIFTS DONATIONS

Thank you! The money will go towards a farm for a family in need!!

Given By:	In Memory of:
David Torgelson	John Torgelson
Keith & Stacey Larson	Paul & Mark Vogt; Millie Larson
Joanne Balgaard	Denny Balgaard
Ron & Linda Fahse	Lloyd & Bethel Fahse
Steve, Sue, Chloe & Lanie Altmann	Paige Altmann & Del Altmann
Ken & Eleanor Ziesmer	Loved Ones
Chet & Angie Boen	Marnold Ostby, Jean Stadther, Evelyn Gusey
Wayne & Mavis Maurice	Shawn Maurice
Matt, Sarah, Leif & Bjorn Hausken	Terje Hausken

Given By:	In Honor of:
Noah & Zane Boen	Chet & Angie Boen
Keith & Stacey Larson	Eva, Hanna & Cam Larson
Rosalie Sheggeby	Emerson & Noah Sheggeby
Stan & Sue Malecek	Justin, Adam, Ryan, Addelyn & Emersyn
Doug & Kristi O'Neill	Barry O'Neill
Marlys Klinghagen	Family

Donation Given by:

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