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Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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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.

<u>Restrooms</u>

They are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

If you don't have envelopes or a giving statement, please leave a note in the office and I will get them for you! Thanks, Sue

The week of February 4 - 11, 2018

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	NO TIM team tonight	
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Fellowship Hall used	3:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
Wednesday	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Altar Guild Meeting	7:30 pm
Thursday	Quilters	9:00 am
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Service	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Baptism at 10:30	



Prayer Request

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
- *Barb Gomarko
- *Donna Greenwell
- *Jolvnda Luckev
- *Keith Beckler

*Jill Revolinski *Emily Reetz

- *Cleve Fults
- *Jen Beckler

*Family of Ron Hamborg *Isabella (Izzy) Sullivan

- *Leslie Sagedahl *Kent Kircher
- *Laura Wacek
- *Mike Abrahamson



March 11 is Girl Scout Sunday. Girl scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform. If you would like to read a lesson, usher or provide special music, please talk to Jeni. Girl scouts will also be providing the coffee hour and treats.

The Senior High Youth Gathering is March 9-10 in Alexandria, MN at the Lake Geneva Christian Center for youth grades 9-12. Cost will be \$65 for Cross of Calvary members and \$95 for friends of any kids. Pick up a registration form on the youth board table. Registrations are due: Wednesday, February 14. If you are interested in being a small group leader or running for the LYO Board, visit www.swmnelca.org/event/snyg

Summer Bible Camp registration is coming up. Early deadlines will be by February 16 for \$30 off. Camp Sunday will be February 11th. Camp information is on the back table by the youth board, or online at www.gllm.org

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday is today. Remember to start saving your change (coins). The WOW kids will be collecting nonperishable food items and cash on Sunday, February 4th. Thank you!!! All donations go to the Renville County Food shelf.

Confirmation Supper 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: April 11, 2018.

God's Story Our Story

January 28 Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



The Woman at the Well



Pray: Light a candle and open your

devotion time with a prayer.

Lord of all nations, you are the life-giving water we seek. Give us this water

always, that we may no longer thirst after that which does not satisfy. We ask this in the name of the One who revives us daily, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading. 13Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this

water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

One thirsty Jewish rabbi on a long journey. One Samaritan woman by a water source. A perfect

moment for the God of new life to dissolve age-old divisions.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Where do you draw living water? What nourishes your soul? Wonder: What nourishes God's soul?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. May God fill you with living water. Amen.



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

Add more fruits and vegetables to your meals this week. Drink lots of water. Take several long walks. Nourish your body as well as your soul.



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

Sunday, John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well Monday, John 4:43-45, Jesus Returns to Galilee Tuesday, John 4:46-54, Healing Stories Wednesday, John 5:1-18, Jesus Heals on the Sabbath Thursday, John 5:19-29, The Authority of the Son Friday, John 5:30-47, Witnesses to Jesus Saturday, John 6:1-15, Feeding the Five Thousand

Cross of Calvary News

BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, March 18, 2018 11:00 am – 1:00pm



The service group chair people will be calling and asking for workers and to bring desserts. We appreciate everyone's help....it takes many hands to make this event so successful! Thanks again in advance!

If you are a Thrivent member, 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars: March 31st is the last date to designate your Dollars

Our new women's bible study will be the book "Keep It Shut" (What to say, how to say it and when to say nothing at all) by Karen Ehman. If you are interested, books can be ordered on your own, thru Jeni or check to see if the library has available copies. We will begin Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30pm and Thursday, February 15 at 8:15 am, or Sunday February 18th at 9:30 am.

Storage needed: We are looking for someone to store the benches on the south/western side of the building. If you are able to move and store them for the winter, please let Sue know who took them & stored them.

Stephen Ministry is coming to Cross of Calvary. We have enrolled our church and Jeni and Carole Buhr will attend the leader training this month. Stephen Ministry provides the training, tools and support that will help our congregation train a team of lay caregivers to provide one-to-one Christian care. If you are interested in being involved in this program, please contact Jeni. Thanks so much for your support of this ministry.

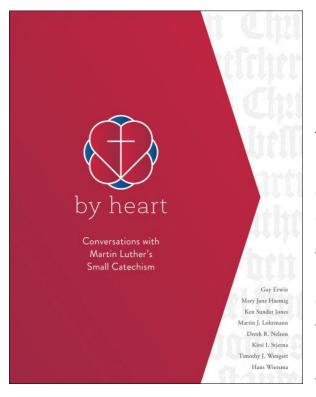


Adult Grief Support Group will begin on February 5, 2018. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this kind of support, please offer them the information on the east bulletin board.

Redwood Area Hospital is seeking hospice volunteers. We will be holding our annual hospice volunteer training course next month February 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} from 8 am – 4 pm. Please see the flyer for more information. Contact at 507-637-4668.

Cross of Calvary Community Garden: please sign up in the church office for a space in this year's garden.

Zion United Methodist Church of Buffalo Lake will be hosting their annual family style Turkey Supper. The supper will be Wednesday, February 7 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Eat in & take-out meals are served. Advance tickets are available. (Places are posted on the church entrance door)



<u>2018 Lenten</u> <u>Study</u>

This study will be an in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. The guide will generate meaningful conversations about the biblical and historical context of the Small

Catechisms, its link to the church's faith, and its connection to Luther's life and your life today.

Dates: February 14 (Ash Wednesday) - March 28 (7sessions) Time: 6:00 PM on Wednesday Location: Church Library Please sign up to attend and for a book. (On "The Board")

Coming Soon: Lenten Soup Suppers – Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue every Wednesday (serving 5:30-6:30 pm) through March 21st. A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board for any group who wishes to sponsor a supper.