



#### 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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# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

320-523-1574

March 4, 2018



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.

## The week of March 4 - 11

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	WOW	3:15 pm
	Confirmation	Attend service, meet after service for 10 minutes
	Soup Supper	5:30 – 6:30 pm
	Lenten Service	7:00 pm service
<b>Thursday</b>	Quilters	9:00 am
	Craft Retreat	5:00pm
	Office Closed	
<b>Friday</b>	Craft Retreat	All day
	Office Closed	
<b>Saturday</b>	Service	5:30 pm
	Craft Retreat	All day
<b>Sunday</b>	Service	8:30 & 10:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	



## 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

\*Jill Revolinski

\*Leslie Sagedahl

\*Nina Lindgren

\*Jenna Reynolds

\*Emily Reetz

\*Richard Henze

\* Abby Stovern

\*Barb Gomarko

\*Cleve Fults

\*Laura Wacek

\* Joanne Balgaard

\*Donna Greenwell

\*Jen Beckler

\*Mike Abrahamson

\*Jolynda Luckey

\*Isabella (Izzy) Sullivan

\*Keith Beckler

\*Caryn Behr

\*Richard Morse

\*Angela Metteer

# Youth News

**Girl Scout Sunday is March 11.** 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.

**Coffee hour will be replaced by Palm Sunday Breakfast** on March 25, and served by the National Gathering families and used as a fundraiser for their trip. A menu of egg bake, rolls and fruit will be served from 9:30 – 10:15.

**Bible Camp It's time to register for Bible Camp!** Children and youth in grades 1-12 can go to Bible Camp, a place where the majesty of God is experienced in profound and fun ways. Cross of Calvary is dedicated to helping kids go to camp. The Men's Group provides a \$50 scholarship to every camper and the Youth Committee provides a \$50 scholarship to every camper. So kids going to camp get \$100 off their registration cost right off the bat. Fundraising opportunities and additional scholarships are available as well. Register for camp at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) and fill out the info sheet found on the table beneath the Youth Bulletin Board. Contact: Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or [sarah.hausken@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hausken@gmail.com)

**WOW Wonders on Wednesdays** is our weekly after school program for 4-6 graders. Kids have snack, time to hang out, do Bible story skits, sing and participate in interactive prayer. Contact Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or [sarah.hausken@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hausken@gmail.com)

**Jesus Justice League** 1-3 graders meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month for snack, Bible stories, singing, activities and games. Contact: Sarah Hausken 320-579-0838 or [sarah.hausken@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hausken@gmail.com)

## Mission

Paraguay Missionaries

The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family

Bolivia Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson

## **MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

COMMUNION 8:30 – Paul Buhr 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson

USHERS 8:30 – Kirk Elfering, Greg Helin, Richard Sigurdson & Rich Elbert

10:30 – Dave Altmann & Dan Beckler

ACOLYTES: Ella Mages & Kaylee Fennern

ALTAR GUILD: Deanne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst, Kristi O'Neil

March 4



Peter's Denial

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



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

Holy Lord, your mercy is infinite and your forgiveness sure. Be patient with us when we fail you, and renew your promises within our sorrowful hearts, to the glory of your name, Amen.



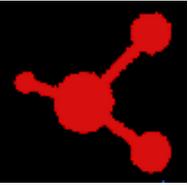
**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*26One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. (John 18:26-27)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

It's a dark night for Jesus—taken by force, and now required to defend himself to the authorities. If there's one thing he could use, it's the support of his closest followers. But at a time when all are about to be tested, even that might be too much to ask.



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

What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?

Wonder: How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?



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

May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. Amen.



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

Make a list of people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.



**Deeper: Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.**

Sunday, John 18:12-27, Peter's Denial

Monday, John 11:45-57, The Plot to Kill Jesus

Tuesday, John 12:1-8, Mary Anoints Jesus

Wednesday, John 12:9-11, The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Thursday, John 12:12-19, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Friday, John 12:20-26, Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Saturday, John 12:27-35, Jesus Speaks about His Death

# Cross of Calvary News

*Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church of Olivia*

## Family-Style

## BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ☞ 11:00 am-1:00 pm

### Menu

*Baked Ham with Raisin or Cherry Sauce - Parsley Buttered Potatoes  
Green Beans - Cole Slaw - Relishes - Buns - Assorted Desserts - Coffee & Milk*

**Adults \$12.00** (10 & over)

**Youth \$7.00** (9 & under)



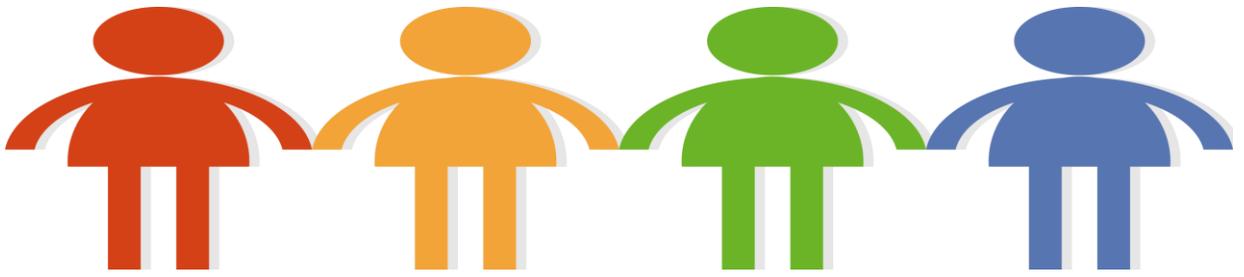
***Take-outs available until 12:45***

*Ticket sales following church services March 4<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>, available at the door or call 320-523-1574. Ticket donations go toward the National Youth Gathering, building improvement & missions.*

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

**Meals on Wheels:** March is Cross of Calvary's month to deliver food for Meals on Wheels. This can easily be done on your lunch break. Contact Pastor Matt for more details

**There is a men's event at First Lutheran in Litchfield** on March 17. Cost is \$60 for our congregation, no matter how many attend. The theme is "Empowering Christian Men in our Midst" and includes 2 "sharp" speakers. <https://swmnelca.org/event/mens-gathering-2018/> for more information and to register.



**BOLD ECI & BI Cultural Centre presents” Dr. Seuss’ Family Movie Night**, Friday March 2nd. There will be a movie and snack @ 7:00 pm, pictures with The Cat in the Hat @ 6:00pm. BI Cultural Centre 640 Dogwood Ave, Bird Island

**Girl Scout Troop #33767 seeking fleece donations**

8th grade Girl Scouts from Cross of Calvary are currently working on their Silver Award project, which is making tied blankets for Santa’s Closet, Lutheran World Relief, and the VA in St. Cloud. We are seeking donations of fleece. A collection box is located in the Narthex. We thank you for your support, Kiera, Lily, Madison, and Jaedan.

Thank you, Lily Thompson Girl Scout Troop #33767

**Renville County Hospice** offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity: “Good Grief” is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday nights March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9 and April 16 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Heidi at 320-523-3451 to register.

**The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation’s** annual fundraising event will be held on Saturday, March 24th at the BOLD School in Bird Island. Doors open at 4:00 pm, Opening Ceremony at 5:45 pm. Along with the boys and girls basketball games, there will be fun entertainment. A silent auction and raffle are also held. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit children from the area battling a serious or life threatening illness.

**The Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra presents:** “Songs of Hope” on Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 pm. Location will be St. Aloysius Church in Olivia, MN. Admission is free, 100% of the proceeds of a free will offering will benefit the Renville County Food Shelf.

**Cross of Calvary Community Garden:** please sign up in the church office for an 8’x8’ garden plot. in this year’s garden. March will be a garden cleaning month. Trim raspberry bushes, etc. You do not need to be involved at Cross of Calvary to have a garden plot. We would like to fill with church members first, then open plots to everyone. Cost for a plot is \$25.00

**Girl Scout (Brownie) Troop #34698 is seeking donations to the Redwood Area Animal Shelter:**

1st-3rd graders Brownie Troop from BOLD and St Mary's school are working on their service project for the year which is supporting the Redwood Area Animal Shelter. This is a "no kill" shelter for dogs and cats, and they rely heavily on volunteers and donations to care for the animals. The girls would be grateful for any items you can provide to help them meet their goal. At this time, the shelter is seeking cat toys, dog toys, kitty litter, garbage bags, and old towels, rugs or blankets. A collection box is located in the Narthex where items can be left, or you may give any items directly to Maddy Cole.

Thank you! Maddy Cole and all of Girl Scout troop #34698

**Christian Community Outreach Center Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday March 24th at Nester Park in Olivia. Hunt starts at 9:00am sharp. Bring an Easter basket, bag or bucket. Kids 0-8 years old may participate in the hunt. Everyone is invited to the CCOC immediately following for a Pancake Sausage Breakfast. Sponsored by CCOC, Sons of American Legion, F&M Bank and Hometown Bank of Olivia. Any donations may be dropped at Masters Coffee Shop.

**Cross of Calvary members: please pick up your cake pan or dishes ASAP! We need room for hosting the Ham Dinner. Thank you!!!**

## *ELCA GOOD GIFTS*

*Deadline: March 19*

*The Easter season is upon us. It is a wonderful time to give to those in need. Your gift will help our church family purchase a much needed item for other church families.*

*Thank you and God Bless you!!!!*

*Envelopes have been placed in the basket under the "DOOR". Please drop the envelopes in the offering basket or in the box by the office door.*

