



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

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March 11, 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 11-18

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am (Girl Scout Sunday)
Monday	Library reserved Office Closed	6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study Jesus Justice League	6:15/7:00 am 3:15-5:00pm
Wednesday	WOW Confirmation Soup Supper Lenten Service	3:15 pm Attend service, meet after service for 10 minutes 5:30 – 6:30 pm 7:00 pm service
Thursday	Quilters	9:00 am
Saturday	Service Ham Dinner set up	5:30 pm All Day
Sunday	Service Ham Dinner No Sunday School	9:00 am only 11:00 – 1:00 PM



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.

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| *Diana Adkins | *Jill Revolinski | *Leslie Sagedahl |
| *Jenna Reynolds | *Emily Reetz | *Richard Henze |
| *Barb Gomarko | *Cleve Fults | *Laura Wacek |
| *Donna Greenwell | *Jen Beckler | *Mike Abrahamson |
| *Joanne Balgaard | *Nina Lindgren | *Keith Beckler |
| *Caryn Behr | *Richard Morse | *Angela Metteer |
| * Abby Stovern | | |

Youth News

Girl Scout Sunday is today. 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.

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 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

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

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

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

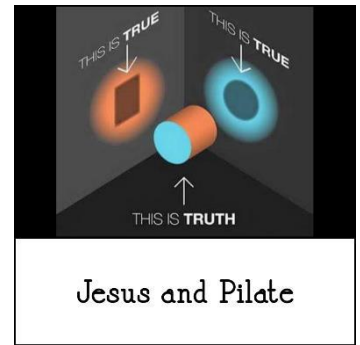
10:30 – Dave Altmann & Dan Beckler

ACOLYTES: Ella Mages & Kaylee Fennern

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



March 11



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 all truth, your thoughts are well beyond our own. Challenge us to look beyond our narrow assumptions, into a wider vision of how the world could be. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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



37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

(John 18:37-38)

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.



Every encounter with Jesus is unforgettable, and Pilate's is no exception. However, his questions are not those of an inquiring disciple, but of one who holds authority over Jesus' very life.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you weren't sure what you were hearing was the truth or lies. How did you discern the truth?

Wonder: Did Pilate believe Jesus was a king? Do you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God speak truth to you. 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 your top 5 values. Think of someone whose values differ from yours. Make a list of their top 5 values, to the best of your ability. How do your values shape what you perceive as truth?



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

Sunday, John 18:28-40, Jesus and Pilate

Monday, John 12:36-43, The Unbelief of the People

Tuesday, John 12:44-50, Summary of Jesus' Teaching

Wednesday, John 13:18-30, Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

Thursday, John 13:31-35, The New Commandment

Friday, John 13:36-38, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Saturday, John 14:1-14, Jesus the Way to the Father

Cross of Calvary News

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Family-Style

BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, March 18th, 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 4th & March 11th, 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.



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!!!

Reminder: March 18th there will be No Sunday School and only a 9:00 am service!

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.

