



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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April 22, 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 April 22 - 29

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30
	Bible Study	10:00 am
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Ruth Bible Study	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Bible Study	7:30
Wednesday	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation	Marshall/Agape Concert leaving at 5:15
	Dorcas Bible Study	
Thursday	Breakfast Club	
	Bible Study	8:15 am
Friday	Girl Scouts	4:00-7:00
Saturday	Service	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am



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

*Jenna Reynolds

*Cleve Fults

*Laura Wacek

*Jen Beckler

*Mike Abrahamson

*Alexa Fischer

*Nina Lindgren

*Keith Beckler

*Caryn Behr

Cross of Calvary News

It's a Birthday party: Deloris Abraham's 100th birthday. A party will be held at the Savage Senior Living Center on April 22nd from 2-4 pm. The address is: Fenpoint 5950 West 130th Lane, Savage, MN 55378. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

We are looking for pianist/organist to play at Cross of Calvary worship services, please contact the church office if interested. (paid position)

Youth News

Help Us Get to Houston

The National Lutheran Youth Gathering is estimated to cost \$1,300 for each person attending. Your donations help get us there, where we can Change Everything! If you are able to donate, select an envelope with the desired dollar amount you are willing to donate. Please put that amount in the envelope and turn in to church office no later than May 4th. Turn your envelopes in early so they can be reused by another gracious donor. Your donations are truly appreciated!

Thank you!!

Emily Eva McKenna Danny Emma
Trey Olivia Andrew Ben Brady
Caeden Carson Leif Noah Will
Andy Cam Jack Lily Nicholas

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Gordy Blem 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
USHERS 8:30 – Ron Fahse, Linda Fahse, Cheryl Mallak & Eric Skeie
10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Ron Skrukud
ACOLYTES: Cole Visser & Ashley Frank
ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson

APRIL 22, 2018
FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER



Faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Genesis 48:8-21	God has been my shepherd
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-24	God will look after God's sheep
Friday	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
Saturday	Psalm 23	The divine shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **John 10:14-15 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us, and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. (Psalm 23:6)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Lord's My Shepherd

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ▣ What is it about someone that makes you want to trust that person?
- ▣ Who do you listen to in a trusting way? Who listens to you and trusts you? Why is this so?
- ▣ Jesus says that he lays down his life for his sheep (John 10:14-15). How does Jesus lay down his life for you? How does that help you trust in him and our heavenly Father?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 10:11-18 or read about Jesus as the Good Shepherd in a storybook Bible.

Talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd. Play a game of "Follow the Leader." Blindfold all the followers and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice. Jesus says that other sheep will be added to his flock and they will listen to his voice. Reflect on how you listen to Jesus' voice today.

Pray: **Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 23 points out how difficult times (walking through the “darkest valley”) is an important time to experience a trusted relationship with God (“I fear no evil; for you are with me”). Be a servant of God’s presence by reaching out to someone going through a difficult time. Visit that person, listen to him or her, and offer a prayer that expresses trust in the Good Shepherd who walks with us through our darkest valleys.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It speaks to people in all times and in all places. Memorize or recite Psalm 23 and make it part of your routine of prayer and meditation. Psalm 23:1 is a good verse to go to sleep each night, by breathing in and out.

Community News

Save the Date! Olivia’s House of Hope will be having a fundraiser on April 27th from 6:00-8:30 pm. The fundraiser will be at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church- Jubilee Center. Menu: Center Cut Pork Chop, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Dinner Roll. Prepared by Master’s Coffee Shop/ Take-outs available

Entertainment:

Emcee: Wendell Veurink

Music: Don Orth & more

Testimonies of HOPE

Live & Silent Auction with Henslin Auction’s

You are cordially invited to attend “The Dedication Services” of Hawk Creek Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, MN on Sunday, April 29th. Please see card on bulletin board for more details.

Community News

Cross of Calvary Community Garden: please sign up in the church office for a 15' x 15' garden plot in this year's garden. March will be a garden cleaning month. Trim raspberry bushes, etc. You do not need to be a member 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. (Four plots still available please let the office know ASAP! If you are interested)

Thinking of your garden and how to get started? Check out this website from UMN extension office. <http://blog-yard-garden-news.extension.umn.edu/2018/03/april-to-do-list-for-vegetable-gardening.html>

Hope For Our City: Grocery distribution at CCOC (next to Masters Coffee Shop) EVERY Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bring \$2 and 2 bags to take home 6-8 food items, Fresh veggie/fruit, breads, dairy, deli items, etc...., All are welcome; invite everyone in Renville Co. No income qualifications – Register 320-894-4763 Call/text by 3:00 Tuesday for Wednesday pickup

Harrison Community Presbyterian Church in Spicer MN will be having a 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2018. There will be a program/open house from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. everyone is invited to help them celebrate this milestone.

Let's All Become A Back-the-Pack Hero!! There is a flyer available to all who are interested in helping with this program. Ask an usher! Thanks!!

You're invited to attend Our Spring Dinner at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 29th from 11:15 – 1:00pm. Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Glazed Carrots, Pistachio Salad, Dinner Roll & Spring Dessert with beverage. Tickets: Adults - \$10.00, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 and Ages 5 & under Free. Address: 316 SW 3rd St., Renville MN.

Annual PORK CHOP DINNER at United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian on Friday, May 4th, 2018. Serving from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Meal features: "Famous Don's" grilled Pork chops, baked potatoes, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Bread/butter, Beverages, and a variety of homemade desserts. One chop dinner: \$10.00 and tow chop dinner: \$13.00 "Enjoy first grilling of the season"!

Thank you to Dav & Carrie Neubauer, Chloe Altmann & Sam for coming and sharing their mission work in Kenya.

Here is a letter with a list of what is need for their project.

Ingrid School Safe House

“The safe house for Ingrid school has been completed and is ready for equipment. Our goal is to reduce the number of children that have no place to go after school. In this country we cannot imagine a six or seven year old child alone on the streets at night, no bed, no adult to protect them, no food, no shelter. They have to hide in the bushes, abandoned buildings, even the local garbage dump to keep from being beaten, assaulted, sold, or even killed. This is not acceptable to me and my friends who have donated to build the safe house. With the beds and equipment that we need we can house up to eighty children with a matron to watch over them and a guard to keep them safe. The children will also receive a dinner at the school before they retire for the night. Please help us finish this dream so the children can finally have a family and be safe.”

Dr. Jeff Kahrs

Bunk beds	20 @\$120	\$2550
Mattresses	40 @ \$30	\$1200
Sheets	40 @ \$6	\$240
Towels	80 @ \$5	\$400
Slippers	80 @ \$1	\$80
Wash Basins	20 @ \$1	\$20
Blankets	40 @ \$6	\$240
Pillows	80 @ \$4	\$320
Total		\$5050



Each bed will hold two children. Total cost per bed is \$126.25

We are looking for sponsors to buy a complete bed if possible. As we raise the money we will buy the equipment so we can start housing the children immediately. We have two beds bought already so we only need 38 more!! Please help us in any way possible!

Ongoing supportive expenses:

Matron will be \$100 a month

Food: Rice, beans, tomatoes, onions \$1152 per term (approx. 3 months)