



# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

8th Sunday After Pentecost  
July 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Worship Times**

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 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

### **Pastor: Matt Hausken**

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## JULY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	9:00 – Curt Sather
USHERS:	9:00 – Mark Theisse, Randy Marguth, Clayton Erickson & Curt Schroer
ACOLYTES:	Andrew Holland & Bria Henriksen
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Gay & Cheryl Mallak



### The week of July 15 - 22

<b>Today</b>	Worship	9:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Cooking Club	4-8 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Stephen's Ministry	6:00-8:30
<b>Thursday</b>	Worship	7:00 pm
	Faith Club	8:15 am
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship	9:00 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 – Betsy Hennen sister

\*Laura Wacek – Bobbi Jo Abrahamson

\*Mike Abrahamson – Tim & Bobbi Jo Abrahamson

\*Caryn Behr – Kathy Helin's mother

\*Izzy Sullivan – Sharon Alton

\*Leslie Sagedahl- Family

\*Sonia Grasmon - Family

\*Alexa Fischer-daughter: Kelsey & Matt

\*Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert

\*Keith Beckler – Carol Senkyr's son

**Meals on Wheels: July is Cross of Calvary's month – Sign-up sheet is on "The Board"  
- drivers needed for the last few weeks of July**

# Cross of Calvary Events/News

## SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

A sign-up sheet has been placed on "The Board" for any persons or groups that would be interested in hosting coffee hour. Please sign up ASAP and thank you in advance!!

### **Baptism: Saturday, July 14**

Winnie Olivia Blem

Winnie is the daughter of Aaron & Amanda Blem. Welcome to your church family Winnie. May the waters of baptism flow around, in and through you each and every day!

In memory of Ann Orth, a group of her friends called the Piecemakers do a mission project each year. This year we are making PJ's for orphans at Teule Orphanage in Kenya. Sixty five children from infants to 15 year old live there. The Ingrid School in Nairobi is also in need. We have been approved for a Thrivent Action Grant, but this will not cover all the costs for supplies needed to make all the PJ's needed. This is a part of Dave Neubauer's ministry. Julie Neubauer will be taking the PJ's personally in September to Kenya. If you feel this is a project you would like to help provide funds for, please contact Cindy Thiesse (320-522-0338) or Lynette Blem {320-522-2690}

## Men's Group Project

New Storage shed

See board in the Narthex,  
for more information on how to give!  
To date: donations are \$12,200.00



**July 15, 2018**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Love Divine, All Love Excelling



***Indescribable joy of God's generosity.***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:14-29</b>	<b>The death of John the Baptist</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 7:7-15</b>	<b>Vision of the plumb line</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for blessings</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Leviticus 26:1-13</b>	<b>Rewards for obedience</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 3:9-26</b>	<b>God's judgment and mercy</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Proverbs 11:23-30</b>	<b>A generous person</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 85:8-13</b>	<b>God speaks peace to the people</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</b>	<b>Jesus teaches and heals the people</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. Ephesians 1:3-4 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Thank you, O God, for choosing to save us. Continue to give us your Holy Spirit so that the way we live gives praise to you. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Receive our thanks for night and day, for food and water, rest and play. Lord, be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

Child of God, may the Lord, who has chosen you, bless you generously through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ▣ What words would you use to describe love?
- ▣ What picture or image would you use to describe living in the joy of God's presence?
- ▣ Ephesians 1:3-14 offers poetic language filled with heavenly grandeur to give a sense of God's generosity and our benefits. What images give you the greatest sense of comfort and joy?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Ephesians 1:3-14.

We are reminded of all the blessings God has given to us through Jesus (v. 3). Take two to three minutes to have a "Blessing Brainstorm." Write down as many blessings—physical, emotional, social, and spiritual—that are part of your life. Offer a prayer of thanks for the blessings you have recorded. During the week add to the original list of blessings as you continue to imagine how God's love in Christ has touched your life.

*Pray:* **Dear God, we thank you for all our blessings and ask that you help us appreciate them and keep them in our hearts. Amen.**

## SERVICE

In Psalm 85:8 it reads: "Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." God's faithful ones hear of God's peace and are faithful to God's desire and work for peace. The intimacy and power of God's love gets poetic emphasis in verse 10: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other." Reflect on God's desire for love, peace, and faithfulness, in your life. Select some way to offer peace and reconciliation to an individual or in support of a larger effort or organization that pursues peace with justice in the world.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The prophets of the Old Testament are known to use visual examples of God's judgment and grace. In Amos 7:7-15, God allows Amos to see a plumb line, a carpenter's tool that has a weight on the end of a string to establish a straight vertical line to construct a straight wall. The plumb line communicates God's righteous judgment, the law of God that shows how all people have fallen short of the will of God (Romans 3:9-26). The good news is that the condemning law of God is necessary to grasp and receive God's grace, God's undeserved kindness that is the source of salvation. Take a string and put a weight on the end of it and write on the weight, "Amos 7:7-15." Hang the "plumb line" somewhere in your home to remind you of God's righteous law that leads to God's mercy and grace.

# Community Events/News

**SAL (SAL: Sons of the American Legion) Pop-Tab Contest:** Cash Prizes, start saving those little aluminum tabs from you beverage containers and you could be winner of one of three cash prizes. The SAL is sponsoring a contest for the purpose of collecting as many Aluminum tabs as possible. The tabs will be turned over the Ronald McDonald home of MN. These tabs generate funds to assist operating these homes which are made available to family members while children and adults are being treated at hospitals in MN. You can find these little tabs on beverage and soup cans. The tabs will be weighed on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Legion in Olivia during the Fire Departments Annual Rib Fest. Cash prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$50.00, 2nd prize: \$30.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$20.00

**Renville County Human Services** is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foster parents to children who are in need of a home. Foster parents can be blended families, one or two parent families, retired or single.

The most important aspects of fostering a child is your willingness to provide a loving safe and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time, share their gifts and talents and receive reimbursement for their dedication and service to children. Is it time to share your gifts and talents and become a foster parent?

Please call Bonnie Lund or Stacie Roxberg, Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to find out more about how to become a foster parent for Renville County.

**Fairview Place Senior Housing** currently has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available, for more information please contact Jenny at 523-1836.

## **“Lutheran Men in Mission” 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament**

Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Redwood Falls Golf Club, Redwood Falls. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the door or register online at [www.swmnelca.org/event/golf18](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/golf18).

## **Corn Capital Days Service in the Park**

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 pm Lite Supper

6:00 pm Service Begins

**Cross of Calvary will be responsible for the music and sound system.(Jeni & Sarah will take care of the music) Also, needed are 2 to 3 workers and 2 pans of bars. Please let the office know if you are able to help. All proceeds go to the House of Hope.**

**Dean Revier Event:** Dean has had two separate surgeries within a very short period of time. The first on May 17<sup>th</sup> for a ruptured Appendix. Following this surgery Dean was notified that doctors discovered that he had Colon cancer. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, surgeons removed 12 inches of his colon. The benefit is to help Dean and his family with medical expenses that have incurred and provide financial aid as he continues treatments. The benefit will be Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Legion, serving begins at 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Menu is 12 oz. New York strip steak, (donated by Revier Cattle Co.), potato salad, tuna salad, baked bean, veggie medley, rolls and dessert bars. This is a free will donation event. A Silent Auction will also be held.

## **United Lutheran Church of Lake Lillian, MN will be hosting an Ice Cream Social**

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Serving time is 5:00 -7 :00 pm. Menu: BBQ's, Hot Dogs, Beans, Potato chips, pickles, Watermelon, Ice Cream Sundaes, Pies and Beverage. \*Free will offering\*

**Living Word Church** would like to invite you to a FREE showing of the movie "I Can Only Imagine" at their church on Sunday night, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. For more information call 507-644-5528 or check out the Living Word Church page on Facebook.

The **Tim Orth Memorial Foundation** is pleased to announce that Bird Island native and Washington Capitals Head Athletic Trainer, Jason Serbus, will make an appearance with the Stanley Cup for a fundraiser photo opportunity on Monday, July 23rd. The event will take place in The Broaster restaurant parking lot, 745 Hwy Ave., Bird Island, from 1 – 3 pm. A free-will donation to the TOMF will allow you to take one individual or group photo next to the Stanley Cup. Bring your camera and come early for a rare opportunity to see the Stanley Cup and support the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's commitment to kids.

**Fairview Place Pie & Ice Cream Social:** Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00. They will be serving pie & ice cream, lemonade and coffee. They hope you will join them!!! Fairview Place 603 E. Fairview Ave. Olivia

**National Hot Dog Day Celebration!**

Come join us in celebrating our local area Police, Firefighters, and EMT's on the patio!

Menu: Hot Dogs/Brats, baked Beans, Chips, Cole Slaw, Sweet Corn, Watermelon, \$ Bars.

(Wednesday, July 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm) There will also be a cookie sale! All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Olivia Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center 1003 W. Maple Ave, Olivia

**Offering for Cross of Calvary Church**

Needed per budget thru June - \$133,125

Actual receipts thru June - \$ 96,109

*Thank  
You*

Thank you everyone who helped move Lily Kern. Your service is greatly appreciated!