

# Welcome

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 14th Sunday After Pentecost

August 26th, 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.

### AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 9:00 – Curt Sather  
USHERS: 9:00 – Curt Sather, Chet Boen & Wally Stucke  
ACOLYTES: Brady Stovern & Nick Serbus  
ALTAR GUILD: Amanda Malvin & Angela Cole



## The week of August 26 – September 2

<b>Today</b>	Worship	9:00 am and 5:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved Office Closed at noon	6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study Faith Club at Jeni's at	6:15/7:00 am 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry</b>	<b>6:00 – 8:30</b>
<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 320- 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
- \*Leslie Sagedahl- Family
- \*Laura Wacek – Bobbi Jo Abrahamson
- \*Sonia Grasmon – Family
- \*Mike Abrahamson – Tim & Bobbi Jo Abrahamson
- \*Alexa Fischer-daughter: Kelsey & Matt
- \*Caryn Behr – Kathy Helin's mother
- \*Mike Grund – Jen Grund
- \*Izzy Sullivan – Sharon Alton
- \*Jen Beckler – Emy Elbert
- \*Barb Gomarko – friends
- \*Joyce O'Halloran – Gladie Hagen
- \*Corrine Skogen – Gladie Hagen
- \*Family of Leslie Fank

- Aiden Grund - Family
- Kathy Altmann - Family
- Donna Greenwell – P. Matt
- Bob Cully – Pat Aalderks

# Cross of Calvary Youth

**The Children Youth and Education Committee** is looking for 2-3 youth in grades 7-12 who would like to be part of the committee. Our mission is to equip and support children and youth to grow in faith, to equip and support families to pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support Cross of Calvary Staff and volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Jeni or Sarah.

**Breakfast Club** is for Youth in grades 10-12 and will begin at 7:07 on Thursday, September 13 at Cross of Calvary. We will meet every Thursday.

**Youth Band** will begin practices on Wednesday, September 12, at 8:30pm. Let Jeni know if you are interested in participating.

**TIM Team** will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at 8:30pm. All Senior High youth interested in planning or participating in Senior high youth group please come with ideas!

**Wonders on Wednesday (WOW)** is our weekly after school program for 4-6th graders. Students can ride bus \_\_\_ to church on Wednesdays starting Sept 12 for snack, free time, games, Bible dramas, singing, and interactive prayer time. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

**Jesus Justice League** is our monthly after school program for 1-3 graders. Students can ride bus \_\_\_ to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting Sept. 11 for snack and an opportunity to “play” Bible stories through games, drama, science, art and singing. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

## Cross of Calvary Events/News

**September 9 - “God’s work. Our hands.”** Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. It is a day dedicated to service in our community.

11:45 am - Pot Luck Dinner

12:45 am - Sending Devotion

1:00 - 3:00 pm Service Projects throughout our community

One of our projects will be assembling Blizzard Boxes for Lutheran Social Services Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels.

We’re collecting donations of these items:

- Cans of chicken or tuna
- Cans of fruit
- Individual packs of crackers, such as plain or cheese/peanut butter crackers
- Hot cocoa packets
- Granola bars, pudding cups, or small packs of cookies

**Cross of Calvary Care Team:** We will meet every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact DeeAnne Newville if interested in joining.

## **Men's Group Project**

New Storage shed is going up!  
See board in the Narthex,  
for more information on how to give!  
To date: donations are \$12,800.00



## **Worship times and dates for August/Sept.**

August 26<sup>th</sup>: Services at 9:00 am & 5:30

September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Service at 9:00 am only



## **Cross of Calvary Finances as of the end of July**

YTD offerings through July 31 – \$109,060

Needed to meet budget through July 31 – 159,750

## **GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary**

Cross of Calvary is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

## Looking ahead...

### September

5th Confirmation starts/ Parents and kid meeting  
(sign up for meals & Acolyte month)

8<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service at 5:30 pm

9th – Rally Sunday

9th – 3rd, 7th & 8th Graders receive their Bibles

9<sup>th</sup> – “God’s Work, Our Hands” – please sign up for a service

11th – Jesus Justice League starts

12th – Wonders on Wednesday starts

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – We will be singing “Old Time” favorite hymns during service.**

**New Member Sunday on the 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Would You Like to Be a Member?**

At Cross of Calvary we invite you to participate in the gathering for worship and in the effort to serve the needs of the community in however you feel called to do so. As you walk with this family of God, you may decide to join the membership officially. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider formally being adopted into this family of God. We are a family of grace, compassion, hope, and love and if you feel called to call us your own, we will welcome you with open arms. Please let Sue, Jeni, Sarah or Pastor Matt know that you are interested in membership and an opportunity for joining will be made available to you. May the Lord guide your steps and grant you peace. (320) 523-1574.

## **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 8th at the Legion in Olivia during the Fire Departments Annual Rib Fest. Cash prizes are as follows: 1st prize: \$50.00, 2nd prize: \$30.00 and 3rd prize: \$20.00

**Renville County Human Services** is looking for people willing to volunteer to serve as guardians for adults who need assistance in making decisions due to developmental delays, mental illness or other conditions, such as dementia. Guardians are people who are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of people who, due to their mental status, are not able

to make those decisions on their own behalf. For example, a guardian, in conjunction with their treatment team, will determine the appropriate residence (such as a group home or nursing home) for the individual who is no longer able to live independently. Compensation may be available for performing this service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Thanksgiving is worth celebrating any time of year! **St. John's Catholic Church in Hector** is having their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Supper on September 5, 2018. We will be serving in our parish hall from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Take-outs will also be available at this time. The menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberries, bread, pickles, beverage and pumpkin bars. Cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 4-10. All are invited!

**Hope Pregnancy Center** invites you to our Annual Celebration of Life Event that will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This year's theme is "Super Heroes". Marc Newman, president of Speaker for life will be our keynote speaker. Come prepared to be entertained, to laugh, and be challenged! The Social Hour and Silent Auction will begin at 6:30, and Dinner & Program including a Live Auction, at 6:30. No tickets are required, but an RSVP is necessary to reserve YOUR place at a table: call 320-235-7619.

## **August 26, 2018**

### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**

### **AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**  
**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

***Jesus is the Holy One of God.***



#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:56-69</b>	<b>Many disciples desert Jesus</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</b>	<b>The tribes renew the covenant</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:10-20</b>	<b>The whole armor of God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Exodus 32:1-20</b>	<b>The golden calf</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Matthew 19:16-22</b>	<b>A young man goes away sad</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 2:18-28</b>	<b>The departure of some</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 34:15-22</b>	<b>The Lord is with you</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>	<b>Authentic faith</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." **John 6:68-69 (NRSV)***

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, no one else can give what you give. Help us to listen to your words and trust in you today and always. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

You give us bread for living, O God. Help us to always give thanks for our food. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the eyes of the Lord be on you and God's ears be attentive to your cry.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

☑ What is something you struggle to understand or to do?

☑ In John 6:61 Jesus sees that some who followed him had difficulty accepting what he was saying about his relationship to God. What is something you have a hard time understanding about the Christian faith?

☑ Ephesians 6:10 states, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." What helps you to rely on the power of God to follow Jesus?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-19.

Joshua speaks for his entire household and says to the people, "but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (v. 15b). Many Christians have that saying showing somewhere in their homes. It is a testimony to faith in God. However, the deeper meaning of the text needs the following verses in Joshua: "But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God,'" (v. 19a). The deeper truth is that the people could not choose God. Sin cannot choose righteousness. Darkness cannot choose light. The beauty and hope of the Christian faith is that God establishes a relationship to us; we don't establish a relationship to God. All our hope is in Jesus who comes to us as the Holy One of God and speaks of God's love and mercy as the final word. How would you describe God's relationship with you?

*Pray:* **Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, no one else can give what you give. Help us to listen to your words and trust in you today and always. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**

Ephesians 6:18 states, “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.” One of the most important ways we serve others is by praying for them. When someone shares a personal concern with you, in addition to saying, “I will pray for you,” offer a prayer. When responding via social media to a person’s needs, in addition to stating, “I will pray for you,” write a prayer that addresses the person’s needs and God’s promise of care.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Draw or make a suit of armor out of heavy paper or cardboard and include the following pieces: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, and sword (With younger children you can use these items to play a game of “dress-up”). Throughout the week, read the description of the “armor of God” in Ephesians 6:13-17. Note that this armor is not promoting violence but the “gospel of peace” (v. 15). Be aware of how the Holy One of God protects you with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit and word of God. Take time to discuss what each part of the armor of God means to you.

### **Worship Times**

Sunday: 9:00 am & 5:30pm (August)  
September 2 – 9:00 only

### **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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