

# Welcome

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church 21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<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.

### SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Laurence Stratton, 10:30 – Eric Skeie

USHERS: 8:30 – Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Dan Amberg & Jordan Amberg  
10:30 – Wally Stucke & Randy Marguth

ACOLYTES: 8:30 – McKenna Jensen & Tatum Mages  
10:30 – Neil Young & Rylan Gass

ALTAR GUILD: Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish



## 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.

\*Garaine Wildgrube – Betsy Hennen (friend)

\*Pat Schmitz – Michelle Jensen (mother)

**Please note: Individual have been removed from the current prayer request list. If you would like your family member or friend to remain on the list or add someone to the list, please contact the church office. 320-523-1574, [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com) or leave a note.**

#### **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. New Member Sunday: November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Statements** through September have been placed in your mailboxes. (If you don't have a mailbox, there is basket with your statement, alphabetical)

Please stop in the office with any questions. Mailboxes will be updated in November. Thank you for giving!!!

## October 14-21

<b>Today</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
Lynn Tesch will be sharing a message about Wittenberg Reformation at 9:45		
<b>Monday</b>	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Confirmation	
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class	3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Faith Club	8:15 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20

# Cross of Calvary Youth

**Breakfast Club** is for Youth in grades 10-12. We will meet every Thursday morning at 7:07 am.

**Youth Band** will practice on Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm. Let Jeni know if you are interested in participating.

**Wonders on Wednesday (WOW)** is our weekly after school program for 4-6th graders. Students can ride bus 3 to church on Wednesdays 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 3 to church the 2nd Tuesday of the month for snack and an opportunity to “play” Bible stories through games, drama, science, art and singing. Kids can be picked up at 5 pm.

**Junior High Gathering** Its time to talk about the Junior High gathering! The theme is Undeniably Known and theme verse is from 1 Corinthians 13:12. (FYI: This was also the theme of the Senior high gathering last spring.) Rachel Kurtz will be the band and the speaker. We will attend the Friday night event on November 16-17 at the Willmar Conference Center and stay in the attached hotels. Cost is \$60 and includes t-shirt, snack, breakfast, lodging, and program.

## Cross of Calvary Events/News

**We would like to Welcome our newest members,  
There's a Place for You with Us!**

Kelsie, Ryan, Keeghan and Ella Aeikens  
John Senkyr  
Brent, Susan, Lilly, Kenna and Bria Henrikson  
Leah Peterson, Hunter and Nellie Borer



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE:**

**Comfort Meals:** If anyone is interested in being added to the Comfort meal committee, please contact the office and I will get you on the list. 320-523-1574 or [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com).

Person (s) will be contacted as to when and where the meal should be delivered, plus any diet restriction. Thank you in advance!!

**Sunday Readers:** Cross of Calvary is looking for your help as a reader on Sundays. Please sign up on "The Board". The reading can be emailed or printed for you. Thank you in advance!!

## **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.



## **Community Events/News**

**Children of the Promise** will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. We invite your congregation to join us in the fun, found on Wolverine Drive. Our maze is 8 acres, paired with pumpkins, treats, and special events every weekend. Our hours are Thursday: 3-11 pm, Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm, and Sunday: noon – 6 pm. All profits will go to Children of the Promise. Our mission to provide a healthy, Christian home and family for every Haitian child. We hope to see you there! For more information, go to [facebook.com/1SEEDMN](https://facebook.com/1SEEDMN)

**Central Minnesota Senior Care** is seeking to hire caring and compassionate individuals to work at our Assisted Living program located throughout Minnesota. For more information please check out the entrance door bulletin board for a flyer.

**Blood Drive at Oliva Community St. Aloysius Catholic Church** Jubilee Center on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [recrossblood.org](http://recrossblood.org) and enter OliviaMN to schedule an appointment.

**Uffda Day: Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater.** Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to noon. (Coffee from 9-10 and meal from 10-noon) See flyer on the entrance for more details.

**Safe Avenues is excited to announce our annual fundraiser the “Make a Difference” event** on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Max’s Grill. The fundraiser is held to raise awareness and support efforts to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in our Renville Count Outreach program. Safe Avenues, Renville County Outreach PO Box 65, Olivia MN

**St. Aloysius Church in Olivia** invites you to join us on Sunday, October 14, 2018 for our annual Fall Festival. Our event begins with Mass at 10:00 am. Continue you day with a home-made fried chicken dinner that includes mashed potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, coleslaw, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert and beverage served 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$11.00 for adults or take-outs and \$6.00 for children 10 & under. The day also includes a Pumpkin Patch, Farmers’ Market, Bakers’ corner, Quilt Ladies Booth, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bingo, Church Raffle and Quilt Raffle.

**Seeking Vendors for the Beneath The Village Wreath** on Saturday, November 17, 2018! Set-up 8 AM and Open to the Public 10 AM – 4 PM!

Reservation fee is \$30 or \$5 if you will be demonstrating how you make your product! For example, if you make jewelry and you're willing to show people how you do that (just at your table, not on a giant stage or anything), you get an extra discount for being awesome! The fee includes one table (8') and 2 chairs but you can bring additional tables if you need them.

Vender form and poster are the Bulletin board in the church entrance! Return the vendor form and your check to the address below.

If you are demonstrating please indicate what you will be demonstrating at your table. This could be something you make or sampling your products.

If you have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Thank you,

Nicole Elzenga, President

Morton Area Chamber & Tourism Bureau

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**Fall Grief Support Group:** Good Grief will meet from November 5<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 (Monday nights) at 5:00 – 6:00 pm at RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room. Admission is Free: to register call Heidi at 320-523-3451. Registration will close after Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> for this group.

**October 14, 2018**  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



HYMN OF THE WEEK  
Canticle of the Turning

*Approach God with boldness and receive mercy.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
Monday	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Seek good and not evil
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
Wednesday	Proverbs 31:8-9	Defend the poor
Thursday	Luke 18:18-30	A rich man
Friday	Leviticus 19:2-37	God's commandments
Saturday	Psalms 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:16 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Gracious God, you give and you require both justice and mercy. As we receive your grace, lead us to others with your never-failing love. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, help us to share the food we receive and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God's word be at work in you. May the Lord

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

☑ Mercy is for those who need forgiveness. Tell about a time you showed mercy and kindness to someone.

☑ Talk about a time someone forgave you.

☑ The Bible makes it clear how our lives fall short of loving God (seeking the Lord) and loving our neighbor (justice for those in need). How have you experienced God's forgiveness and grace (grace means "undeserved kindness")?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Amos 5:6-7, 10-15.

Amos is critical of the worship life of Israel. Bethel was a primary place to worship God, to "Seek the Lord" (v. 6). However, the worship life there is threatened because of a lack of justice that is described in verses 7 and 10-15. Where do you see around you Amos' (and God's) concern for corruption, mistreatment, and neglect of the poor, and lavish lifestyles? Amos wants the faithful to see that seeking God in worship includes seeking the righteous God in just treatment of others, especially the poor. How does your worship experience lead you to care for the needs of others?

*Pray:* **God of justice and mercy, we thank you for the undeserved kindness you extend to us each day. Forgive us when we do not seek you in worship or in the needs of others. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Mark 10:17-31 is a tough passage about salvation and human wealth. Our wealth can clearly get in the way of God's mission (v. 23). God's gift of salvation is something that only God can accomplish for us (v. 27). Wealth and the power that goes with it challenge our ability to understand and care for others. Service requires a compassionate heart that feels the hurts and pains of others. Reflect on how your influence and power can get in the way of caring for others. Reflect on how a compassionate heart leads you to do acts of kindness.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 10:29-31 Jesus points out that his followers prosper with many family members and family possessions. Being part of the church gives us a large, even global family that presents us with a wealth of relationships to do God's work and will. Practice home hospitality, welcoming fellow neighbors and friends into your dwelling as a way to share your possessions and wealth with them. Offering a simple meal is a way to share the wealth of the kingdom of God. Use the *Mealtime Prayer* as part of your time of breaking bread together.