



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

Olivia, MN

25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 11, 2018

November 11 - 18

Today	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	New Member Sunday	both services
	Care Team Meeting	9:45 am
Monday	Library reserved	6:00-8:00 pm
	Boys Scouts	6:30 – 8:00pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Jesus Justice League	3:15 – 5:00
Wednesday	Confirmation/Meal	5:30/6:30 pm
	WOW	3:15-5:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm
	Youth Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Faith Club	8:15 am
Jr. High Youth Gathering – leave Friday at 3:30 – back at noon Sat.		
Saturday	Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:20
	Gideon Sunday	

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 November 16 – 17, leave from the church at 3:00 pm return at noon on the 17.

Sr. High Youth will have a pizza and movie night @ Jeni's house on Sunday, November 11th at 5:30 pm.

November Coffee Hour	4	Youth Families	Matt and Sarah Hausken Katy Holland Ryan and Michelle Jensen
	11	Youth Families	Ryan and Natasha Johnson Mike and Hallie Kemnitz Brian and Jen Kingery
	18	Youth Families	Bobbi Jo Abrahamson Marc and Sarah Iverson Keith and Stacey Larson
	25	Thanksgiving	No Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION 8:30 – Jill Hanson, 10:30 – DeeAnne Newville

USHERS 8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Randy Marguth, Jordan Sagedahl, Drew Sagedahl

10:30 – Clayton Erickson & DeeAnne Newville

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Bria Henriksen & Kenna Henriksen

ALTAR GUILD Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing



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.

*Pat Schmitz – Michelle Jensen (mother)

*Donna Greenwell – Family

*Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek

*Orva Sorensen – Emma Thompson

*Jane (Dillon) Bruns – Kathy Brown sister

*Marlys Schumacher – Bruce Metteer mother

*Jane Grisso – Clare & Cooper

*Tracey Becker – Nathan & Angela Cole

Cross of Calvary Events/News

Old storage shed:

Church council motion is to sell old utility shed to the highest bidder. The opening bid is only \$1. All bids will be received by phone to the church office directed to Sue Altmann. Closing bid date is **November 12th** at noon. The council will decide at the November meeting who if anybody will receive it and the interested party must have it removed by Thanksgiving Day. If no bids are received the shed will be torn down.

New Members-Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Justin, Carin, Jaden, Jakob & Erika Martinson

Craig & Makenzie Gartner

Offering thru October

YTD receipts – 158,155.00

Needed YTD per budget – 228,975.00

Snowflake Bazaar: *Sunday, Dec. 2nd*



Bazaar Deadlines

Monday, November 26th: Love the look of Christmas 'greens' arrangements but not sure how to pull off the look? No problem! This year, the committee is going to be doing the work for you! Just bring your pots, labeled with your name and number to 21

Golf Drive before Nov. 26th and we will have them ready for you to pick up the day of the bazaar. Prices will range from \$40 to \$75, depending on size of the container. We will have a few extra available for purchase the day of the sale. Contact Dana Boen to drop off your containers you wish to have filled.

Friday, November 30th: We are also currently taking your donations of ALL holiday and home décor for "Gramma's Attic" which will be making a comeback to this year's event. We ask that you please do not bring Christmas trees or lights. (But donate them to Santa's Closet instead)

Friday, November 30th: We will be making lefse for the Snowflake Bazaar at the parsonage. Please join us for this fun evening! If you know how to make the dough, bring two batches and your lefse making gear. If not, just come and learn to roll & flip! Contact Sarah Hausken for more info. 320-579-0838.

Happy "95" Birthday for Elaine Julius!!!

Elaine would truly enjoy receiving birthday cards!!

Address: Parkview 1204 W. Park Ave. Olivia, MN 56277,

Her birthday is November 15th.



Community Events/News

Safe Avenues is excited to announce our annual fundraiser the "Make a Difference" event on Friday November 16th 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

Santa's Closet: We are ready to accept referrals, donation and volunteers. All gift items are welcome: toys, logos, science kits, games, art supplies, toy cars, trucks, activity kits, building toys, dolls, clothing, teen items, household goods, warm gloves and mittens, items for men and women, warm blankets and quilts.. A basket will available at church. Please see flyer for more information.

Fall Grief Support Group: Good Grief will meet from November 5th – December 3rd, 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. 2nd for this group.

Friends of the Arts presents...

“A Nice Family Christmas”

November 16-18 at RCW Old Gym

Friday/Saturday: 7:30 pm Sunday: 2:00 pm

Tickets available at the door.

Come & Enjoy this Holiday Comedy!!

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! Vender form and poster are on the Bulletin board in the church entrance! Return the vendor form and your check to the address below. If you have any questions please contact me Thank you, Nicole Elzenga, President Morton Area Chamber & Tourism Bureau PO Box 316 Morton, Minnesota 56270 507.697.1884 info@mortonareachamber.org

On Saturday November 17, the **Renville County West Music Department** will be hosting their annual Breakfast with the Band and Choir fundraiser at the Renville Community Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM, and the Varsity Band and Choir will be providing entertainment while you eat. Freewill donations are accepted, proceeds to benefit the 2019 RCW Band and Choir Tour to New Orleans.

Please join us for the annual **Harvest Fest at Blomkest Baptist Church** on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7 pm. The evening will include a musical presentation by Rob Rogers and his No Name Band. This group is part of the worship team at the New London Covenant Church. A pie and coffee fellowship will follow the program. A free will offering will be given to assist in the United Campus Ministry under the leadership of Jeffrey Schmitz at Ridgewater College.

23rd Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper: Thursday, Nov. 15 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. See flyer for more information

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church of Bird Island will once again be hosting their Homemade Turkey Supper with all the trimmings. Date: Wednesday, November 14th from 5-7 pm: more information is on the bulletin board.

Team Pace Makers is hosting the Annual Tour of Homes as a fundraiser for the Renville County Walk in the Park, formerly known as Relay for Life. The tour will be November 29th from 4:15 – 6:15. Cost is \$50 person. More information on the board

St. Mary’s CCW Theme Basket Silent Auction, Bake Sale & BBQ meal, December 8th & 9th at St. Mary’s Church Hall in Bird Island. Bake sale & Silent Auction will me Saturday from 3-6 and Sunday from 9:30 – 12:30. (More information on the board)

The **CCOC Thanksgiving Dinner** is Thanksgiving day and is free will offering. We serve empty nesters, widows, and sometimes whole families. We also deliver meals to those who are working or can't leave their homes. Already have plans for Thanksgiving? What about your neighbor? Will they be with family or alone? Everyone is part of the CCOC family, especially on Thanksgiving Day. If you know of someone who would like to have a meal delivered, please have them call 320-523-6318. All are welcome to come!

We need your help!: We need volunteers on Wednesday, November 21st at St. Aloysius starting at 2pm to help peel potatoes and debone turkeys (bring a peeler with you). If you are willing to help and or volunteer either of these days please call 320-523-6318 or email saraa@ccocmn.org. We are currently asking for donations of turkeys, cranberries, whipped cream and butter. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off that the CCOC or Master's Cafe. Thank you for your generosity.



Cross of Calvary LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

**November 11, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Light Dawns on a Weary World

God Brings justice to those in need.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Elijah revives the widow's son
Thursday	James 1:27-28	Look after orphans and widows
Friday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	God defends the weak
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. **Psalm 146:9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for watching over us. We pray for your care and protection for all who are in need. Amen. (Psalm 146:7-10)

Mealtime Prayer:

Happy are those who hope in God. The Lord feeds the hungry and cares for the poor. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! Amen. (Psalm 146:1, 5, 7-10)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who watches over the hungry, the stranger, the orphan and widow, watch over you with steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 146:7, 9)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about a time you felt you were in need of help from others.
- How have you helped someone else who was in need?
- It has been said that Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. Would you agree with this? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16.

Elijah goes to a foreign land where there is a foreign god, Baal, a fertility god, who is worshipped for having control over nature. The LORD (*Yahweh* in Hebrew), Elijah's God, sends Elijah to Zarephath in Sidon to be fed by a starving widow and mother. The woman, who has continued to prepare food down to the last morsel, acknowledges Elijah's God and provides hospitality with food and drink, although it will take all she has. She assumes she and her son will soon die, one way or another, for lack of food. The story lifts up the power of the LORD over a foreign god and the justice of the LORD for the needy. Abundance replaces starvation. Our actions reveal the powers we serve and trust. It is good to review our actions and where we place our confidence and hope. Reflect on your activities and commitments. Do they place trust in the power of governing rules (Psalm 146:3), in being respected and honored by others (Mark 12:38-39), in wealth (Mark 12:41), or is it trust in the LORD, the God of the Scriptures (Psalm 146:5)? The good news is that the God revealed in the Bible—and most fully in Jesus—is the one in whom we place our trust, a trust that does not disappoint. Praise the LORD!

Pray: **Lord God, thank you for watching over us. We pray for your care and protection for all who are in need. Amen.**

SERVICE

Mark 12:38-44 tells us about a widow who gave two small coins, sometimes called *mites*. A mite box is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Set up a jar or box in your home as your household mite box. Throughout the year, place your loose change in it. Decide on where you will donate what is collected during the year.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

November 11th is observed as Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day or Armistice Day in other countries. It began as a day to observe the end of World War I and the sacrifice of those who participated in the war. It now represents the contributions of all veterans. It is a tradition to observe a minute of silence in memory and honor of those who lost their lives in military conflicts. Gather in your home and observe a minute of silence. Pray for the relatives of those who have lost loved ones in wars, for all those in military service, and for peace between nations.