

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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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.

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION: 8:30 – Dana Boen, 10:30 – DeeAnne  
Newville

USHERS 8:30 – Greg Mertens, Trey Mertens,  
Bill Kopel & Jeff Keltgen

10:30 – Ushers needed

ACOLYTES 8:30 – Jack Iverson & Jerson Kopka

10:30 – David Garcia & George Garcia

ALTAR GUILD Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern





#### 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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## January 20 - 27

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 1/20</b>    | <b>Worship</b>            | <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30</b> |
|                       | Fellowship Hall used      | 5-8 pm                  |
| <b>Monday 1/21</b>    | Library reserved          | 6:00-8:00               |
|                       | Boy Scouts                | 6:30                    |
| <b>Tuesday 1/22</b>   | Men's Bible Study         | 6:15/7:00               |
|                       | Mailing Giving statements |                         |
| <b>Wednesday 1/23</b> | WOW                       | 3:15-5:00               |
|                       | Confirmation/Meal         |                         |
|                       | Dorcas Bible Study        |                         |
| <b>Thursday 1/24</b>  | Breakfast Club            | 7:07 am                 |
|                       | Women's Bible Study       | 8:15 am                 |
|                       | Quilters                  | 9:00 am                 |
| <b>Friday 1/25</b>    |                           |                         |
| <b>Saturday 1/26</b>  | <b>Worship</b>            | <b>5:30</b>             |
| <b>Sunday 1/27</b>    | <b>Worship</b>            | <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30</b> |

## Annual Congregational Meeting

January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

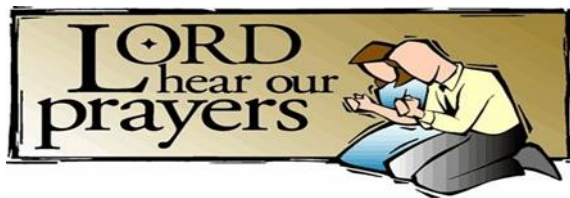
Bible Women: "All Their Words and Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman is Thursday at 8:15-9:30 am in the church library. If you cannot be there on Thursdays, consider getting the book and following along. If you have any ideas about how we might do a group online, please talk to Jeni.



**Quilters meet on Thursdays at 9:00!!  
Come join!!!**



# Prayer Request



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.

- \*Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather
- \*Judy Kopacek – Ron Kopacek
- \*Mikaelson Family – Gordy & Lynnette Blem
- \*Neva Geweke – Angie Boen sister
- \*Family of Gordy Straw – Angie Boen nephew
- \*Alexa Fischer – Alicia Osthus Family
- \*Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother
- \*Jane (Dillon) Bruns – Kathy Brown's sister
- \*Faith Westby – Heather Thompson and family
- \*Bodhi Crosby – Dani Larson
- \*Haakyn Mohr – Dani Larson
- \*Teeny Kadelbach – Friends and family
- \*Steven Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach brother
- \*Marlys Schumacher – Sharon Metteer mother

Note: Persons will be removed at the end of a month. Please contact the office if you would like the individual to remain on the list longer. Thanks!

## 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, January 16 at 7:30 pm – No practice on Jan. 9

**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.

**Confirmation Supper** Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 240 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer. Sign-up sheet are on the BOARD. Dates with openings:, Feb. 6, Feb. 27, April 24 and May 1. There is also a spots open on Feb. 13, for one more family to join.

**Coffee hour** is a time for God’s people at Cross of Calvary to minister to each other through caring conversation. All members with youth in grades 1-12 are scheduled one time during the year. Please bring 3 doz. Treats. Directions are posted on the kitchen cupboard. Thank you for serving in this way.



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|---------------------------|----|-------|--|
| January<br>Coffee<br>Hour | 20 | Youth | Jeremy & Kris Kopel<br>Justin & Jodi Gilberts<br>Kelsey Wertish                        |
| Annual<br>Meeting         | 27 |       | Cross of Calvary Staff   |
| February                  | 3  | Youth | Tim and Jessica Plumley<br>Cory and Skye Hebrink<br>Justin and Carin Martinson         |
|                           | 10 | Youth | Steve Helmer & Dawn Helmer<br>Brent and Susan Henricksen<br>Steven and Tiffany Herdina |
|                           | 17 | Youth | Travis and Meagan Honzay<br>Joe and Siri Youngkrantz<br>Mark and Jamie Morse           |
|                           | 24 | Youth | Kevin and Heidi Morse<br>Tom and DeeAnne Newville<br>Travis and Annmarie Suess         |

# Community News

**“Spirit Led Innovation” Equipping Congregation Day**, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran Willmar, MN for more information please check the east entrance board.

**Community Talking Circles**: Come sit in and have a conversation to get a better understanding of what things will look and feel like when using the Circle process. You may attend all of the Circles, a few, or just one. All are welcome!! The conversation will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings at Renville County Government Center in room 117. Begins each night @ 5.00 with a snack and gets started at 5:15 to 6:30. Jan. 28, 29 and Feb. 12, 19, 25 & 26

**St. Mary’s School & Parish Celebration Dinner**: to thank all who support St. Mary’s & Catholic Education a dinner will be Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Island Ballroom. Social beginning at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 pm. Followed by entertainment and the Fish House Drawing! Menu: Spaghetti, Lettuce, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Milk.

**Santa’s Closet**: Blessings and thanks for your support of Santa’s Closet. With the help of volunteers and donation Santa’s Closet (2018) served 310 families. Santa’s Closet = Dignity-Respect-Smiles-Happiness!

**Adult Grief Classes** starting February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Brochure is on the east entrance board.



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# January 20, 2019

## Second Sunday after Epiphany



### HYMN OF THE WEEK

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*God's steadfast love brings joy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

|           |                          |                              |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 2:1-11              | The wedding at Cana          |
| Monday    | Isaiah 62:1-5            | Jerusalem will be saved      |
| Tuesday   | 1 Corinthians<br>12:1-11 | Spiritual gifts              |
| Wednesday | Lamentations<br>3:22-24  | God's steadfast love endures |
| Thursday  | Hebrews 13:1-6           | Service well-pleasing to God |
| Friday    | Romans 8:37-39           | God's love in Christ Jesus   |
| Saturday  | Psalms 36:5-10           | Human sin and God's goodness |
| Sunday    | Luke 4:14-21             | Jesus returns to Nazareth    |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **Psalm 36:7 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty and Loving God, thank you for the joy you bring to our lives and to our relationships through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, just as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking. Fill us with love for you and for one another. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the precious and steadfast love of God fill you with joy and keep you safe. (Psalm 36:7)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time that gave you great joy when you were with family or friends.
- What is it about God that gives you great joy?
- In Psalm 36:7 it says, “How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.” Pick out a word that captures your attention and talk about why you chose it?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 2:1-11.

The Gospel of John gives clear attention to the wedding at Cana. The story concludes, “Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.” What Jesus did at the wedding pointed to his mission and ministry as the Word that became flesh (1:14). It reveals his glory, glory that will only become fully revealed in his death on the cross (17:1). It led his followers to believe in him. The sign of changing an excessive amount of water into wine adds to the joy of a wedding at Cana. The amount of “good wine” saved for last was crazy, about 180 gallons worth for celebrating. This theme is picked up again in John 10:10 when Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” In the Greek, the abundant life is life “overflowing,” like the wine overflowing at the wedding of Cana. Jesus’ first sign of his reign is about overflowing love and joy. How does Jesus’ overflowing love and joy for you impact you today and change your life forever?

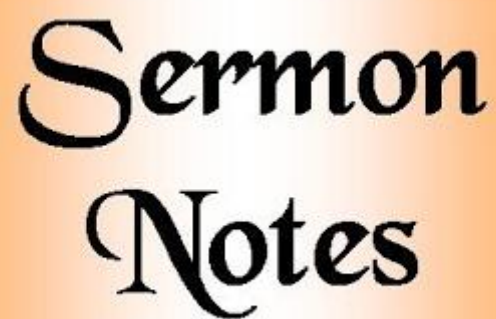
*Pray:* Joyous Lord Jesus, help us to remember how you bring joy to our lives and world. May we join in your eternal feast and celebration with faith toward you and love for one another. Amen.

## SERVICE

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 we are all gifted by the Holy Spirit “for the common good.” The larger world around us sees these personal gifts as something to shine a light on ourselves and our own success. For Christians, our gifts are for others, “for the common good.” Make a list of the gifts you believe you have or others have told you they see in you. Then state each gift out loud by saying: “Dear God, thank you for my gift of [name it], Help me to use it to serve others.”

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus’ appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings and desires to bless married couples. This week is a good time for couples to share with family and friends about their own weddings and ways Jesus is part of their marriage. Ask a married couple you know if you can see the wedding photos taken on their special day. After visiting with them and hearing stories about their wedding, bless them with these words: May God bless your life together as you continue to grow in your love for one another.



# Sermon Notes