

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 17, 2019

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.**

## 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**

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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## March 17 – March 24

<b>Sunday 3/17</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30</b>
<b>Monday 3/18</b>	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
<b>Tuesday 3/19</b>	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00
<b>Wednesday 3/20</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation	6:00 -7:00
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30
	Church Council Mtg. after service	
<b>Thursday 3/21</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
<b>Friday 3/22</b>		
<b>Saturday 3/23</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30</b>
<b>Sunday 3/24</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30</b>

### MARCH VOLUNTEERS

<b>COMMUNION:</b>	<b>8:30 – Alex Gay</b>
	<b>10:30 – Jon Hawkinson</b>
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>8:30 –Kirk Elfering, Gregg Helin,</b>
	<b>Richard Sigurdson</b>
	<b>&amp; Rich Elbert</b>
	<b>10:30 – Dave Altmann</b>
	<b>&amp; Dan Beckler</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>8:30 – Haylie Binnebose</b>
	<b>&amp; Sam Sigurdson</b>
	<b>10:30 – Allie Paulsen &amp; Kiera Fischer</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	<b>DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst &amp; Bobbi Kopel</b>

### Wednesday evenings in Lent

Would you like to raise money for your committee or a cause? Get together with others and serve a Wednesday Lenten soup supper from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Sign up on the “Board”.



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# Family-Style BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, April 7th, 2019 ☩ 11:00 am-1:00 pm

## Menu

*Baked Ham with Raisin or Cherry Sauce – Parsley Buttered Potatoes – Green Beans  
Cole Slaw – Relishes – Buns – Assorted Desserts – Coffee & Milk*

**Adults \$12.00 (10 & over)**

**Youth \$7.00 (9 & under)**

***Take-outs available until 12:45***

*Ticket sales following church services March 24<sup>th</sup> &  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, available at the door or call 320-523-1574.*

*Ticket donations go toward building improvement & missions.*



## 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.

Susie Lothert – Family & Friends

Rudy Gunderson – Dana Boen uncle

Brandon Ochs – Steve & Sue Altmann's friend

Gary Melin – Joanne Balgaard

Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother

Pat Swanson – sister of Ken Ziesmer

Jim Doering – Friend of Ken Ziesmer

Linda Cole – Nate Cole's Mother

Barb Miller – Friends and Family

Autumn Stryker – Family and Friends

Bob Smith – Casey Elfering grandfather

Lesley Sagedahl – Daren Sagedahl's sister

Julie O'Halloran – Doug & Jody Steffel

**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 News/Events

## **WANTED: Service Group Coordinator!**

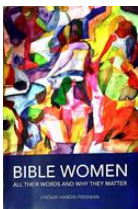
Looking for an easy way to help Cross of Calvary? Become the Service Group Coordinator! This entails making a few calls or emails before the ham dinner... that's it! Each service group at our church has a list of 30-40 families. The coordinator's job is to contact the leaders of each group and let them know what the needs are for that year's event, whether it be kitchen help, bringing a food item, etc. The leaders of each group line up the workers/donations for the event. I am more than happy to help with any questions you may have. Please contact me for more information and details.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

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**Stephen Ministry:** What exactly is the Stephen Ministry we've been hearing about? Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists: rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough time in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervise in their ministry. If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend...please contact Jeni Skeie, Carole Buhr, or Pastor Matt. Stephen Ministers offer caring Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it most.

**Care Team is starting a prayer chain.** We are aware of so many loved ones, neighbors, friends and people we don't know who are in need of prayer. Romans 12:12 reminds us to "...be constant in prayer." So, sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church or email Jeni @ [jeniskeie@gmail.com](mailto:jeniskeie@gmail.com) to sign up. No meetings - just prayers!



This **Women's Bible Study** will be in Jeni's office. We will meet Sundays. Books can be ordered online. You can join at anytime. This takes us into the Bible to look at the women who spoke in the Bible and what they said. Crazy the stuff you find in the Bible....Please join us! If you need help getting your book please contact Jeni.

Cross of Calvary is in charge of "Meal on Wheels in March" sign-up sheet is on the board! Thank you!! Last week is still available.



Thrivent members: 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

# Cross of Calvary Youth

**Camp at Green Lake:** Register online and fill out The Cross of Calvary info sheet on the Youth Board. [http://www.qllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general\\_insert\\_2019.pdf](http://www.qllm.org/uploads/3/1/5/9/31596405/general_insert_2019.pdf)



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And the food is always so good! Walk Humbly is the theme this year and is based on Micah 6:8 “Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.” We will leave between 4:30 -6:00 on the 5th and return home at 8pm on the 6th. Bring money for dinner on the drive up and on the drive home and optional snacks and coffee drinks at the gathering.

**GOOD NEWS!** The senior high gathering is April 5-6 at Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria, MN. The camp setting is so fun with a gym, climbing wall, coffee shop, game room, camp fire, dorms, and

**Senior High Youth Group** mark your calendar for March 31

**Day Camp will be July 7-11** @ Cross of Calvary this year. This program brings in staff from Green Lake Bible Camp for the week. We start Sunday evening with a campfire and continue Monday-Thursday 1-6 pm, with a meal to conclude each day. There will be ty-dying, crafts, games, songs, bible stories and loads of friends. All of this is centered on the theme of Transformed Community and Romans 12:2. Youth who have finished grades K-6 are encouraged to register online.

Cost is \$45.



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

**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.

## March Coffee Hour

- March 17 - Joe & Siri Youngkrantz  
Roger & Tonia Ridler  
Dalen & Jamie Stryker
- March 24 - Freddie & Monica Ridler  
Dan & JHeidi Gross  
Dawn Matti
- March 31 - Richard & Krista Schrupp  
Taylor & Tanya Serbus  
Bob & Nanette Serbus



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.

## Community News

**The Renville County Food Shelf Board** is asking for your help again in 2019. Donation may be delivered to the Renville County Food Shelf at 108 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Olivia, MN or mailed to our treasurer, Mary Schroeffer, at 108 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Olivia, MN 56277. Donations received during the month of March are included in the Minnesota Food Share Campaign. A portion of your donation is matched by MN Food Share.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith Conference: Developing Spiritual Intelligence**: Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For more information see entrance board.

**Millennium Theater** is offering private showings for congregation for the upcoming faith based drama "Break Through" (PG) from April 12<sup>th</sup>-April 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the Youth Board.

**The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's** annual fundraising event will be held on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the BOLD School in Bird Island. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Along with the boys and girls basketball games, entertainment will include numerous mascots, dunk teams and the F-M Acro Team. A silent auction and raffle are also held. Proceeds from the event will benefit children from the area battling a serious or life threatening illness.

**Girls Scout Brownie Troop #34698** is working on Literacy project this year for their service project. Besides going to the nursing home to read to a "buddy", they are also having a book drive. They are collecting books to donate to the Little Reading Libraries around our communities. If you have any used books in good condition you would like to donate, please drop them on the collection box in the Narthex by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support, Maddy Cole & Troop #34698.

**"A Musical Mosaic"** will be performed on **Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 320 10th St, in Olivia, MN 56277**. This concert, in a diverse array of familiar choral and orchestral music expression, will include pieces such as *The Awakening*, *God Bless America*, *Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus*, *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*, and *The Music of Living*. There will be a free-will collection taken, with 100% of the proceeds going to the **Renville County Food Shelf**. The concert is free and no tickets are required.

# March 17, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



### HYMN OF THE WEEK

Wait for the Lord

*Stand firm in the Lord.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Philippians 3:17– 4:1	Stand firm in the Lord
Wednesday	Matthew 23:37-39	Lament over Jerusalem
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-9	Be strong and courageous
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Paul's exhortations
Saturday	Psalms 27	A song of trust
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Philippians 4:1 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, bless us with faith and confidence to trust your word and serve in your kingdom of healing and mercy. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food help us to see your goodness in the land of the living. Amen. (Psalm 27:14)

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and good courage as you wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:13)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- 📖 Tell or think about a time you have lacked confidence in yourself.
- 📖 We all doubt ourselves, our abilities, and our decisions at times. What helps you to be confident of who you are and what you are doing?
- 📖 In Genesis 15:9-18, God provided a promise and a covenant act that committed God to Abram and his descendants. What promise has God made to you? How does God keep the promise alive for you?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 13:31-35.

In a surprising twist, Pharisees warn Jesus of Herod's threats on his life. In a very candid moment, Jesus brushes aside the threat of an earthly empire. Jesus' work is utterly too serious to be concerned with "that fox," King Herod. Jesus characterizes his work as a hen caring for her brood of chicks while they resist her protection. The focus of his concern is the deeper needs of people for "the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35), not the powers of an empire. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "... our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). The threat of earthly powers is not as important as Jesus' (and our) mission to bring hope and protection to those who remain in darkness. Our texts this week challenge us to trust and believe this (Genesis 15:6; Psalm 27; and Philippians 3:20-4:1). The Bible is filled with encouragement to trust God precisely because we can so easily turn away from God. How do you stand firm in God's promise and love?

***Pray: Almighty God, help us to trust you alone and not to give in to the threats of those who would claim power over us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who came to protect us, amen.***

## SERVICE

We can be scared by those who threaten our sense of safety in daily life. Our own fears can make the threats even worse. Be a servant of peace and hope for those you meet this week by taking time for a caring conversation, listening to concerns, and praying with them. Offer a spirit of calm and trust expressed in Psalm 27:1: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?"

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a season of waiting. Psalm 27:14 states: "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" The Hebrew word for "wait" also means "hope." Plant amaryllis or paperwhite narcissus bulbs in a shallow pot filled with soil. Add water and keep them in a place with indirect sunlight for about two weeks. Then place them in a warm spot. These plants will begin to bloom in about four weeks. As you wait and hope for the plants to bloom, think about Psalm 27:14 daily in observance of Lent.