

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 24, 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 24 – March 31

<b>Sunday 3/24</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30</b>
<b>Monday 3/25</b>	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Boy Scouts	6:30
	Ruth Bible Study	
<b>Tuesday 3/26</b>	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00
<b>Wednesday 3/27</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	Dorcas Bible Study	
	WOW	3:15-5:00
	Confirmation	6:00 -7:00
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30
	Theology on Tap	8:00
<b>Thursday 3/28</b>	Breakfast Club	7:07 am
	No Women’s Bible Study	
	Quilters	9:00 am

**Friday 3/29**

**Saturday 3/30**      **Worship**      **5:30**

**Sunday 3/31**      **Worship**      **8:30 & 10:30**

**Easter “Good Gifts” start**

**\*\*April Sunday Services: April 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am service only (Ham Dinner) and April 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 am and 9:00 am service (Easter Sunday) – all other April weekends are the same times! (8:30 and 10:30)**

**APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

- COMMUNION: 8:30 – Nathan Cole  
 10:30 – Jon Hawkinson
- USHERS 8:30 – Eric Skeie, Cheryl Mallak, Ron & Linda Fahse  
 10:30 – Need Ushers
- ACOLYTES 8:30 – Abby Stovern & Madeline Ridler  
 10:30 – Daylea Stryker & Need 1 more
- ALTAR GUILD: Stacey Larson & Sarah Iverson

**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

Brian Reese – Kathy Reese son

Larry Amberg – Pete Amberg

Lori Peterson – Angie Metteer's friend



# Cross of Calvary News/Events

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

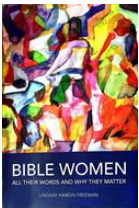
Looking for an easy way to help Cross of Calvary? Become the Service Group Coordinator! This entails making a few calls or emails before the ham dinner... that's it! Each service group at our church has a list of 30-40 families. The coordinator's job is to contact the leaders of each group and let them 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)



worship

center. 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.

**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.

**No Sunday School: April 7<sup>th</sup> (Ham Dinner) and April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday**

## March Coffee Hour

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 Schroepfer, 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.

**"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.

## Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition Message



**Speed – To Fix Speeding Adjust  
the nut behind the Wheel!  
Safety First!!!!**

# March 24, 2019

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



### HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

*An urgent call to repentance.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Abundant life
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings from Israel's history
Wednesday	Ezekiel 18:25b-32	Repent and live
Thursday	Luke 3:1-9	The fruit of repentance
Friday	Hosea 14:1-9	Return to the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 63:1-8	Comfort in God's presence
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Psalms 63:1 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Dear God, help us to repent of our self-centeredness to discover your steadfast love and joy. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who satisfy our every need, we thank you for this food, a reminder of the feast you promise us through your steadfast love. Amen.

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

May the Lord of abundance fill you with God's steadfast love and send you on your way with joy and gladness.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Talk or think about something you want to see happen soon.
- ☑ Tell or think about a time you have been really thirsty and without water or when you have wanted something very much and did not have it at the moment.
- ☑ Repentance in the Bible literally means to have a new mind, to change your way of thinking. How is longing for God with your whole being (Psalm 63:1) a form of repentance?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 13:1-9.

Jesus was addressing people's questions about those who had died in tragic accidents. Did these people die because they sinned? Jesus points out that the questioners misunderstand the work of God. The people asking Jesus are in the same situation as those who died tragically. Jesus says, ". . . unless you repent, you will all perish as they did" (Luke 13:3, 5). Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree to point out the immediate need for repentance. We can easily see the call to repentance as a requirement to be remorseful with a commitment to do better. However, biblical repentance is much more than that. It is a discovery filled with a passionate desire to have what is missing in life, God's steadfast love (Psalm 63:1-8). In Isaiah 55 the invitation to the free feast describes this kind of repentance, a change from hunger and poverty to being fully satisfied without want. True repentance brings not only regret but joy, a gladness that does not want to be delayed. How can repentance or being sorry for something done or said bring you joy?

*Pray:* God of steadfast love, my soul thirsts for you as in a dry land without water. Help me to hear your urgent call to repentance. Help me to be fully satisfied without want. Amen.

## SERVICE

In the parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), we are reminded of the importance of bearing fruit, fruit that represents a living faith satisfied by God's goodness. The man in this story asked to have one more year to fertilize the tree and grow fruit on it. Let your heart overflow with thanksgiving and bear fruit of loving service. In what ways within the next year can you share God's goodness with others?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Bible uses feasts as a way to celebrate life in God's loving presence. During Lent some have the tradition of fasting, which began as early as the 600's. Since eggs, fat, and milk were forbidden, legend tells us that a monk made the first pretzel as a Lenten bread using only water, flour, and salt. He formed the dough into the commonly used prayer position. Arms were crossed on the chest. The Germans called them *bretzels* and they became a traditional food during Lent throughout Europe in the middle ages. Buy pretzels in this shape and as you feast on them, talk about different ways you pray.