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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.

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.

Church news

July 21 – July 28

Sunday 7/21	Services	9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday 7/22	Library reserved	6:00–8:00
	Ecumenical service/Concert at Nester Park	
Tuesday 7/23	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00
Wednesday 7/24	Summer Stretch	8:30 – 3:30
Thursday 7/25	Women's Bible Study	8:15 am
Friday 7/26		
Saturday 7/27		
Sunday 7/28	Worship	9:00 am & 5:30 pm

JULY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	9:00 Elaine McDowell
USHERS	9:00 Mark Thiesse, Randy Marguth, Clayton Erickson & Curt Schroer
ACOLYTES	Taylor Amsden & Tanner Amsden
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Gay & Cheryl Mallak

Please, please pick up your pans!! They are on the cart by “The Board”, if you are unable to come to church service – stop in anytime during the week. Thank You!! Pans will be given to ACTS at the end of July!

Reminder to Cross of Calvary members: readers needed for Sundays, if you are interested please sign up on the “Board”.
Thanks!!!

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.



Kathy Brown – Emy Elbert mother

Mike Abrahamson – Bobbi & Tim

Tami Steffel –Family

Autumn Stryker – Family and friends

Sister Neva – Angie Boen's sister

Ione Parsons – Gladie Hagen sister

Elaine Julius - Friends

Briar Lippert – son of Jay & Heidi Lippert

Linda Cole – Nate Cole's mother

Sandy Alton – Sharon & Dick Alton daughter

Barb Gomarko – Mark & Pam Olson

Bev Beckman – Friend of the Blem's

Rosalie Sheggeby – Friends

Steve Palmer – Jeff Keltgen

Cross of Calvary Events for July/August

July 10 – 24: Summer Stretch (Wednesday from 8:30am -3:30 pm)

July 29 – Outreach Meeting at 5:30 pm

August 1 – Summer stretch at Valleyfair

August 2 – Summer Stretch Prep Walk in the Part

August 4 – Baptism at 5:30 service

August 14 – Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

August 15 – 7th Grade Confirmation retreat

August 21 – 10th Confirmation retreat

Cross of Calvary Youth

Summer Stretch: Starts on Wednesdays: July 10th and goes through July 24th. Valleyfair will be Aug. 1st.

Mark your calendar!!

Confirmation Retreat will be August 21st. For those going into 10th Grade. More info. to follow.

Incoming 7th Grade Confirmation retreat will be on Thursday, August 15th. A letter has been sent to family with all the details.

Community News

Caregiver Dementia Support Group: Make new friends. Learn new techniques, get insight into bizarre behaviors. Ongoing meeting will be held the first Thursday of every month. Facilitators: Jen Erickson and Tara Wertish. Time: 1 – 2 pm at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church. Please contact us with questions 218-770-8988 or 320-522-1096

Renville County Historical Society is having wonderful events throughout the summer. Please check the East entrance for their flyers.

Ecumenical service at Nester Park. July 22nd, supper will be served at 5:30 pm, service at 6:04 pm, followed by a Concert from 6:30 – 7:04

Rachel Kurtz will be performing. Bring a chair and come hear her wonderful talents! Cross of Calvary is collecting money to help defer the cost of the concert. If you would like to donate (any amount) please drop off your donation in the church office. Thanks!

Cross of Calvary Financial Information for General Funds

Per month – General Funds Only

	<u>Disbursement</u>	<u>Received</u>
January	\$20,196.00	\$18,072.00
February	\$19,505.00	\$14,707.00
March	\$23,153.00	\$24,247.00
April	\$25,970.00	\$21,123.00
May	\$20,298.00	\$15,436.00
June	<u>\$21,077.00</u>	<u>\$18,362.00</u>
	\$130,199.00	\$111,947.00

Approved Budget for 2019 \$242,270.00

Cross of Calvary Men's Group is looking for donations for Summer Coffee Hours. If you are interested in donating bars, cookies, muffins or anything to serve: please label the items "Coffee Hour" and place in the freezer by the coffee machine. (Remember to put the date of your donation)

This time is a wonderful way to visit with other members of our fabulous church family.



Thank you!!!

(Men's group will be serving, but everyone is welcome to help!!)

Meal on Wheels – July
Thank you volunteers!



July 21, 2019
Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Listen to Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	The Lord speaks to Samuel
Thursday	Matthew 17:1-8	The Transfiguration
Friday	Proverbs 19:20-27	The wisdom of being taught
Saturday	Psalm 15	Worshiping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

She [Martha] had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he [Jesus] was saying. Luke 10:39 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us the peace and joy in your presence that we hear your word and trust in you alone. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, just as Sarah and Abraham fed the three strangers, we thank you for providing us this food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, bless you with faith, hope, and love. (Colossians 1:15)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ❑ Who do you trust and want to listen to? Why?
- ❑ What helps you to listen to Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
- ❑ What gets in the way of listening to the message of Jesus for your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:38-42.

This short story challenges our ability to interpret Jesus' message. Martha is showing hospitality to her guest Jesus while her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet to listen to him. Hospitality is too important in the Bible (Luke 7:38-50) to see this not as a problem. Somehow, in the midst of her service, Martha gets distracted, perhaps by seeing Mary who simply sits and listens. Jesus affirms Mary's action as choosing "the better part" (v. 42). Even our good intentions to serve can become a distraction when we lose sight (and sound) of Jesus. Listening to the word of God leads us to serve, and serving others leads us back to receiving God's message that turns the world on its head by declaring loyalty to God alone. Why? Because those who receive the message and presence of Christ receive "the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages," and this mystery "is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27-28). Imagine sitting in front of Jesus. What might he be saying to you? What would you like to ask him?

Pray: Lord, the busyness of our daily lives can be distracting. Help us to take time to sit down and listen to you. In Jesus name, amen.

SERVICE

Abraham saw three strangers near him. He and Sarah gave them water and fed them (Genesis 18:1-9). This was an act of kindness and service. There are many who are strangers to us in need of water and food both in our own communities and around the world. Look up those organizations in your area that provide water and food to those in need. In what ways can you donate or support them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes our lives get so busy that we do not take time to stop and listen, especially in our homes. In Luke 10:41-42, Martha was busy and had lots to do for her guests. Mary sat and listened to Jesus. Gather three bean bags or balls. Begin by throwing one in the air and catch it. Then add another and another until you are juggling all three. Can you juggle all three easily and pay attention to others? Martha may have been able to juggle everything she was doing well, but she thought everyone else should be doing the same. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the better thing to do by listening. Why is it important to stop being busy in our lives and listen?



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 – 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 – 2:00pm

May vary in the summer

BUILDING HOURS

Monday –Thursday

8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday - Sunday

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
